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NTA cancels scorecards of 1,563 NEET candidates

Centre informs SC that these candidates, who were given grace marks, will be allowed to attend a retest on June 23; if not, their original scores without grace marks will be treated as final scores

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Fair chance: NEET aspirants protest against the irregularities in the examination at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi on Wednesday. ANI

The Supreme Court recorded the Union government's submission on Thursday that the scorecards of 1,563 candidates granted compensatory marks in the undergraduate medical entrance examination – NEET-UG 2024 – will stand cancelled. These candidates can sit for a retest, likely to be held on June 23.

The Union government informed a Vacation Bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta that these candidates will now be informed of their actual scores without the compensatory or grace marks. If they decide not to sit for the retest, their original scores without grace marks will be treated as their final scores.

The court was hearing petitions challenging the award of grace marks to the 1,563 candidates using a "normalisation formula", on the grounds that they were not allowed the full period of 3.2 hours to write the exam at their respective centres. The compensatory marks were awarded to these candidates on the recommendation of a committee constituted by the National Testing Agency (NTA).

'Skewed situation'

When the decision to grant grace marks had come under a cloud, the NTA formed a subsequent committee, which held its deliberations between June 10 and June 12.

Appearing for the Union, advocate Kanu Agrawal submitted that this committee was of the opinion that the grant of compensatory marks to 1,563 students for loss of time had led to a skewed situation. Grace marks were limited only to unattempted questions. For the students who opt to take the reexamination, their actual marks in the retest will be taken as their result, and their previous marks from the May 5 test will be discarded, the court noted.

Appearing for the NTA, senior advocate Naresh Kaushik apprised the court that the retest would likely be held on June 23.

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Kuwait offers help to repatriate bodies

Union Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh visits the injured in the Mangaf fire incident in Kuwait on Thursday. ANI

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

In the aftermath of the Kuwait building fire that claimed at least 45 Indian lives on Wednesday, the Kuwaiti authorities have assured India of their "full support, including for medical care, early repatriation of mortal remains, and investigation of the incident", Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh said on Thursday, after a meeting with Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Abdullah Ali Al-Yahya in Kuwait city.

According to the *Arab Times*, Kuwaiti First Deputy Prime Minister Sheikh Fahad Yousef Saud Al-Sabah has said the authorities have identified the bodies of 45 Indians and three Filipinos, adding that efforts are under way to identify the remaining one body.

At least 50 others were injured. DNA tests are being carried out on the bodies.

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Forest Dept. will hand over 500 acres for Yettinahole project: DKS

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Thursday said that the Forest Department had agreed to hand over 500 acres of land which is crucial for implementing the Yettinahole drinking water project.

"The Forest Department has agreed to hand over 500 acres of forest land for the project. In return, the Revenue Department has agreed to hand over an equal area of its land to the Forest Department. The process will be completed soon," Mr. Shivakumar said after a meeting with Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda and Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre in Bengaluru.

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Nature's fury: Vehicles stuck in mud and silt following landslips triggered by rain in North Sikkim on Thursday. PTI (REPORT: PAGE 16)

Arrest warrant against BSY in POCSO case; he moves HC for advance bail

The Hindu Bureau
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The First Fast Track Court (POCSO court) has issued an arrest warrant against former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa in a case registered against him on March 14 under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012.

The octogenarian is accused of sexually assaulting a 17-year-old girl who had come to him with her mother seeking his help on February 2.

On March 14, the Sadashivanagar police in Bengaluru had booked Mr. Yediyurappa under POCSO Act after the mother filed a complaint, accusing him of sexually assaulting her minor daughter.

B.S. Yediyurappa

The octogenarian is accused of sexually assaulting a 17-year-old girl

With the arrest warrant issued now, the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) probing the case will move to arrest the BJP leader. CID teams have begun looking for him, sources said.

Mr. Yediyurappa, meanwhile, has filed two separate petitions in the High Court of Karnataka, one seeking anticipatory bail and seeking stay of the investigation and for quashing of the complaint by claiming that he was "falsely implicated" and there is no ingredients of offences alleged against him in the first information report (FIR). Both these petitions are listed for hearing on Friday.

Mr. Yediyurappa is a member of the BJP Parliamentary Board and the Central Election Committee. According to the travel plan issued by his office, Mr. Yediyurappa was in New Delhi on Thursday.

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State mulls over 100% quota for Kannadigas in 'C' and 'D' group jobs in private industries

Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

The government is also planning to bring in 5% reservation for persons with disabilities in private industries that have received benefits from the State. FILE PHOTO

In yet another attempt to reserve 'C' and 'D' group jobs in the private sector to locals, the Karnataka government is proposing to bring 100% job reservation for Kannadigas in these categories and 5% reservation for persons with disabilities in private sector industries that have received benefits from the State.

Labour Minister Santosh Lad held a closed-door meeting with Labour Department officials on Thursday to discuss details of the proposed Karnataka Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) (Amendment) Rules, 2024, that will make the reservation mandatory for the industries. The proposal is expected to be brought before the Cabinet at its next meeting. "The Sarojini Mahishi report was a policy till now, the changes being brought will make the reservation a law," Mr. Lad told *The Hindu*.

"The rules will be amended and notified to make reservation mandatory. Cabinet approval is needed to bring in the changes. It is mandatory for all industries employing more than 50 workmen to conform to the changes."

The former Union Minister late Sarojini Mahishi, who headed a commission established in 1984, had submitted the report in 1986 recommending 85% reservation for Kannadigas in employment opportunities. The report is seen as a benchmark.

Standing Order rules

Amid the voice for 100% job reservation for Kannadigas, the government had in 2019 made changes to the Standing Order rules asking the private sector to provide "priority" to Kannadigas in employment. The notification had, however, desisted from fixing a percentage. The notification in December 2019 was based on the number of industrial accidents. It said that the industrial accident rate among non-Kannadigas was higher than Kannadiga due to the language barrier and had presented the data since 2011 to prove the point.

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One of the accused in Renukaswamy murder case to turn approver?

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Darshan

Renukaswamy

One of the key accused in the Renukaswamy murder case, in which actor Darshan and his friend Pavithra Gowda have been arrested, has reportedly confessed to the crime and is reportedly prepared to become an approver. If this comes through, it will pose a big setback for Darshan, sources said.

Deepak Kumar, presently accused no. 13, has reportedly volunteered to be an approver in the case, the sources said.

At the crime scene

Deepak was in the shed, the scene of the crime, when Renukaswamy was killed, and he later distributed ₹5 lakh each to the four persons who surrendered to the police, confessing to the crime in a bid to protect Darshan, the police claimed.

The actor has reportedly been denying any role in the murder. He has conceded that he went to the shed and left early, but has claimed that he was not involved in the murder. However, Deepak has allegedly told to the police that Darshan along with other accused tortured the victim and that it was the actor who kicked Renukaswamy on the private parts, which may have caused his death.

Renukaswamy had sent an obscene photo to Pavithra Gowda on social media, which allegedly prompted Darshan to get Renukaswamy to the shed where he was allegedly tortured and killed.

The police have now separated Deepak from the other accused and are corroborating his statement with the evidence from the autopsy report which mentioned that Renukaswamy's body had multiple injuries and bruises, indicating that he was tortured before being killed. The police also seized a goods autorickshaw on Thursday, based on the statement of the accused that they had rammed Renukaswamy's head against the vehicle.

Deepak reportedly distributed ₹5 lakh each on behalf of Darshan to Raghavendra, Karthik, Nikhil Nayak, and Keshavamurthy to take the blame and surrender to the police. He had reportedly assured the four that each would be given ₹30 lakh and the remaining money would be given to their families after their arrest.

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Till death do us part: how Uganda's undying love for cricket prevailed

In a sport where teams are valued in billions of dollars, Uganda did the unthinkable without proper infrastructure, equipment, finances, and a whole lot of other things; with sincere preparation, utmost passion, and love for the game, The Cranes captured the hearts of the world with their first-ever victory

GETTY IMAGES

Tarun Shastry
CHENNAI

Amidst the vibrant landscapes and rich cultural tapestry of East Africa, a captivating story of resilience, hope, and tenacity unfolds.

The Uganda cricket team's remarkable journey to the 2024 T20 World Cup is a story of triumph over adversity and poverty, one that defies all odds and transcends the boundaries of sport.

Despite facing challenges such as limited facilities, equipment, and support, a determined group of players and administrators persevered, keeping the sport alive in the country.

It was their unwavering dedication and passion for the game that allowed them to overcome these obstacles and establish a cricketing presence in the nation.

For Uganda, 1998 was a landmark year. It achieved a significant milestone by obtaining Associate Membership status in the International Cricket Council (ICC).

This opened the doors for the Uganda Cricket Association (UCA) to embark on a journey of grassroots development, focusing on nurturing and cultivating a new generation of talented cricketers with aspirations of representing their country on the international stage.

Uganda achieved a landmark victory over 2003 World Cup semi-finalists Kenya in a preparatory tournament for the inaugural T20 World Cup in 2007, which was held in South Africa.

This victory not only boosted the morale in Kampala but also ignited interest and enthusiasm for cricket in the country.

More people began showing interest in the national team and its development. This victory was especially important for a nation that is traditionally obsessed with football.

It led to a surge of interest in cricket, with many young people enthusiastically participating in cricket association-organised 'nets' and 'camps.' This newfound interest in the sport boded well for the future of cricket in Uganda, considering the country's political turmoil.

Dark horses

The audacious quest to compete in a major ICC tournament, pitting itself against the giants of the cricketing world, has been the team's singular focus since the early 2010's.

With each step of its journey, Uganda faced new challenges and overcame them with their unwavering determination. The Ugandan dream, though seemingly distant, was always achievable.

The underdog status only fueled its grit and determination. The journey that spanned over a decade and finally reached its pinnacle in 2023, when it defied the odds and qualified for the T20 World Cup for the first time.

The 2024 T20 World Cup qualification scenario was simple. Africa was allotted two slots, and the teams in contention for the slots included Zimbabwe and Namibia. Both had prior experience in the T20 World Cup and were considered strong contenders.

However, the Cricket Cranes did the unexpected when they stunned Zimbabwe with a five-wicket victory in the ICC African Qualifiers and won four of the next five matches. Its only defeat was at the hands of Namibia.

This turn of events made the qualification pathway increasingly challenging for the struggling Zimbabwean side as it suffered another loss to Namibia, and pinned its hopes on Uganda losing atleast one of the remaining two games against Kenya and Rwanda.

However, the team's determination and resilience led them to victory, rightfully earning its place in the T20 World Cup and the history books.

Credit has to be given to Lawrence Mahatlane, the former coach of the Uganda cricket team, who made the biggest difference. After he took over in 2020, Uganda won more T20 matches than any other nation en route to its World cup qualification.

Although its opponents may not have been top-tier, the team's commitment to playing as many matches as possible boosted its confidence greatly. Over the last four years, Uganda competed in 89 T20Is, winning a staggering 67 games.

Uganda's captain, Brian Masaba, recently gave an insight into the team's pathway to the World Cup. "During the Covid outbreak, Lawrence Mahatlane became our coach. He drew a roadmap for us that ended with us playing at the 2024 T20 World Cup. He presented it to the board and the players, and we bought into it," said Masaba.

"After that, it was just about being very sincere about everything we did, the number of games we played, our practice sessions, and all conversations were about having a chance of featuring at the T20 World Cup."

The skipper was also full of praise for his cricket board, saying, "It's been a massive effort not just from the playing group but also from the board back home. They were very intentional about where they wanted the team to go in the lead-up to the World Cup qualifier that got us here.

Planning and execution

"So, it was about planning and executing a dream, and everyone was pulling in the same direction. So, we played a lot of games during that period, which allowed us to become consistent.

"But the administration back home played a huge part in terms of getting us those games, but also contracting a larger group of players that allowed us to play together as a unit for longer."

When there is veracity in preparation, the results follow. History was created as a nation's collective dream became a reality on June 5 at Providence Stadium in Guyana when Uganda beat fellow debutants Papua New Guinea in a low-scoring match for its first-ever victory at a major ICC event.

In a world where cricket teams and tournaments are valued in billions of dollars, this team did the unthinkable without proper infrastructure, equipment, finances, and a whole lot of other things. With sincere preparation, utmost passion, and love for the game, they captured the hearts of the world with their first-ever victory.

After the historic win, the Ugandan skipper said, "It's a question of opportunities and interest because if there's interest in the game in the country, then it can spread a bit further, and you can attract more resources to developing the infrastructure, which allows you to develop more players."

"So, getting a win at the World Cup means there's interest in the game in the country, which means we can ask for a little help from the private sector or the government in terms of infrastructure, which helps the development of the game," Masaba said.

The Uganda cricket team's journey to the T20 World Cup is a testament to the power of perseverance, passion, and belief. It's story is a powerful message of hope and inspiration even in the most adverse of situations.

As Uganda prepares to take on the world's best, the team carries with it the dreams of a nation and the proof that no dream is too big to achieve.

In the grand narrative of cricket, Uganda's journey will stand the test of time as an example of what can be achieved when a team and a nation refuse to give up.

On a high: Waiswa celebrates Uganda's maiden win in the World Cup. ICC

THE GIST

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- The skipper was also full of praise for his cricket board, saying, "It's been a massive effort not just from the playing group but also from the board back home."

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Woman strangles three-year-old daughter and surrenders

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 34-year-old woman allegedly strangled her three-year-old daughter at her house in South Bengaluru's Subramanyapura on Thursday. The accused, identified as Ramya, is the wife of Venkatesh, a software engineer presently working in Norway.

The couple hail from Tamil Nadu. They had twin daughters and had been staying in a flat at Manjunathanagar for the last 10 years. According to the police, Ramya was allegedly depressed that one of her daughters was reportedly autistic.

A probe revealed that at around 12.30 p.m., Ramya allegedly used a veil to strangle the child, and later called her brother-in-law to inform about the murder. She even took the child to a nearby private hospital, where a doctor confirmed she was dead, said the police. By the time Ramya's brother-in-law reached her home, she went to the police station and surrendered.

Training programme

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To mark World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, Elders' Helpline will be launching a free digital literacy and cyber safety training programme on Saturday. It will be held at the office of the Commissioner of Police at 11 a.m.

Interested persons can call 1090 or 080-23352833.

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Double-decker flyover nears completion and is likely to open this month

The ₹330-crore flyover has a four-lane stretch at a height of eight metres above the ground, and a metro corridor at a height of 16 metres above the ground. The four-lane flyover and six lanes at grade level — three lanes on each side — are expected to decongest the stretch

Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. began main line testing on the entire Yellow Line on Thursday.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The much-awaited double-decker flyover has been almost completed and is ready for opening, say Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL) officials. A senior BMRCL official said the 3.3-km stretch from Ragigudda to Central Silk Board (CSB) is along the Yellow Line (R.V. Road - Bommasandra).

"After a final inspection by the authorities concerned, it is expected to be thrown open for one-way traffic from Ragigudda to CSB on or after June 15," the official added.

The Yellow Line spans 16 stations and intersects the Green Line at R.V. Road station and the Pink Line at Jayadeva Hospital station. This line incorporates a metro-cum-road flyover stretching 3.13 km from Ragigudda to Central Silk Board, strategically designed to alleviate congestion at Central Silk Board junction.

Commercial operations on the 18.82-km Yellow Line are expected to commence by the end of this year.

The ₹330-crore double-decker flyover has a four-lane stretch at a height of eight metres above the ground, and a metro corridor at a height of 16 metres above the ground.

The four-lane flyover and six lanes at grade level below the flyover – three lanes on each side – are expected to decongest the stretch.

At the double-decker flyover, the BMRCL is constructing five loops and ramps at the CSB junction, labeled A, B, C, D, and E.

Ramps A, B, and C will connect K.R. Puram and Hosur Road from the Ragigudda/BTM Layout side, while ramps D and E will link K.R. Puram to BTM Layout and Ragigudda.

"Most of the work on ramps A, B, and C has been finished, with an anticipated opening in June. The construction of ramps D and E is expected to be completed by June 2025," the official said.

Main line testing begins on Yellow Line

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The main line testing began on the entire Yellow Line on Thursday. This March, the BMRCL started conducting slow trial runs between Bommasandra and Bommanahalli.

On February 14, the BMRCL received the first set of six coaches, which arrived at the Hebbagodi metro depot from China, and these are now undergoing multiple tests.

According to officials, the signalling test is part of the mainline testing of the driverless trains.

Namma Metro services on Purple Line disrupted by technical snag

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Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) experienced a disruption in its services on the Purple Line owing to a technical snag at Trinity Metro station at 9.58 a.m. on Thursday. The incident caused a temporary halt in train operations, leading to delays and inconveniencing commuters during the morning rush hour.

The fault was identified and subsequently repaired at the Kempegowda station in Majestic, where the affected train was moved to a side track for further inspection and rectification.

By 11.30 a.m., normal operations were restored on the Purple Line, and trains were operating as per the regular timetable, BMRCL officials said.

BMRCL has not provided details on the exact nature of the technical snag.

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Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Limited invites Bids (to be submitted in the e-Procurement Portal) for the following works:-

NIT No.	Name of work (Request for Bid (RfB))	Date of publishing e-NIT	Date of Pre-Bid Meeting	Last date of submission/ uploading bid by the bidder	Date of Opening of technical part of Bid
28/PR/ JUSNL/ 2024-25	Design, Engineering, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 220/132 kV Grid Substations at Jadugoda and additional 132 kV Bays at Dhalbhumgarh GSS along with dismantling Works)	14.06.2024	21.06.2024 at 12:30 Hrs	09.07.2024 upto 16:00 Hrs	10.07.2024 at 16:30 Hrs
29/PR/ JUSNL/ 2024-25	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 220 KV Double Circuit Transmission Lines (1)Transmission line from Chaibasa (PGCIL) – Jadugoda (New) (47.7 km) (2)Transmission line from Chandil (New)-Jadugoda (New) (51.3 Km)	14.06.2024	21.06.2024 at 12:30 Hrs	09.07.2024 upto 16:00 Hrs	10.07.2024 at 16:30 Hrs
30/PR/ JUSNL/ 2024-25	Design, Engineering, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 132 KV Double Circuit Transmission Lines from Jadugoda(New)-Dhalbhumgarh (63.4 Km)	14.06.2024	21.06.2024 at 12:30 Hrs	09.07.2024 upto 16:00 Hrs	10.07.2024 at 16:30 Hrs

Detailed Invitation of Bids which includes instructions for submission of Bids and all other relevant information are available on http://www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in along with Bidding Documents. Any details required in this regard can also be obtained from the office of the undersigned (+91-9430090855) during office hours.

The firms that technically qualify will be informed for date of opening for financial part of Bid.

Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in bidding document. Interested bidders may participate in the bidding process as per instructions given in the bidding document.

Ajay Kumar,
General Manager, Contracts & Materials,
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3	PRT : Classical Hindustani / Western Music (01 Post)	Graduate in the subject with min 50% marks

NON TEACHING

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4	Asst Librarian (01 Post)	B.Lib. Science or Graduate with diploma in library science from recognized institute and computer literate. Age below 40 years
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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No: Y/E.29/2024-25/20
Dated : 04.06.2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
(Re-tender) Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and commissioning of 66KV/25KV Traction Sub Station, Feeding post and Shunt Capacitor bank at Mysuru News Goods Terminal in Mysuru - Yeliyur Section of Mysuru Division.	Rs. 6,79,98,550.92

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs on 26-06-2024**
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer / Traction Mysuru
PUB/143/AAS/PRB/SWR/2024-25
South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No: E-GSU-ELE-2024-25-OT-8-RT
Dated 08.06.2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of Interrupters & Associated Equipment at SSPs & TSS with Required Modifications in the existing arrangement as part of Quadrupling of Track between Bangalore Cantonment and Whitefield Stations	Rs. 5,38,74,546.09

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs on 03-07-2024**
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Deputy. Chief Electrical Engineer / Gati Shakti Unit Bengaluru
PUB/154/AAS/PRB/SWR/2024-25
South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is intending to purchase the schedule property from **Sri. S. Sampath, S/o. late. Narasimhaswamy,** aged about 86 years and Sri. M. Prabhakar, S/o. late. Narasimhaswamy, aged about 84 years, residing at No. 20, Model House Street, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru. Anybody has got any sort of right, claim, interest over the schedule property or having any sort of objection for the said transaction shall approach the under mentioned Advocate within **7 days** from this day with documentary evidence, failing which my client shall proceed further in accordance with the terms of the agreement considering there is no objection to the said sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable vacant new municipal **No.4,** situated **8th Cross, Lalabagh Fort Road, Bengaluru** and measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 90 feet and in all measuring **4500 sq.ft.**
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N.S. SHIVASHANKAR, Advocate
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Ph No. 9343094442, 080-41628629

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is issued on behalf of my client **Sri.V.S.Gopinatha Rao** to bring to the notice of the general public that the Original JDA dt.30.05.2018, Doc No.1356/2018-19 of Book I, CD No.BSGD329, in the office of the Sub-Registrar Basavanagudi, Bangalore and GPA dt.30.05.2018 Doc No.86/2018-19 of Book IV, CD No.BSGD329, in the office of the Sub-Registrar Basavanagudi, Bangalore in respect of Residential House property bearing No.16, PID No.50-2-16 and 16/1, PID No.50-2-16/1, Old Nos. 221, 227 and 330) in Rama Iyengar Road, Visveswarapuram. Bangalore now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP, measuring East to West 83 feet and North to South 42 feet, total measuring **3486 Sq.ft.**, has been lost at the time of travelling.
All the persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the said JDA and GPA. If anyone has already carried out or being carried out kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within **7 days** from this present along with that Police Complaint is also given vide Lost **Report No. 1097969/2024, dated 13.06.2024.**

Y. Sowmya Yadav, Advocate
Samvruddhi Legal, # 83, Ground Floor, 5th 'A' Cross, 21st Main, J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore-78. **M : 9916343921**

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TENDER CANCELLATION NOTICE

NIB No: - GRDA/Yoj/Rev.MP/01/2022- 02, Dated:14.11.2022
Tender ID.: 2022_GRDAL_63086_1
Ref. PR No.: 282435
Work Title: - "REVISION OF MASTER PLAN OF CORE CAPITAL AT SITE I, HEC AREA RANCHI".

Due to some indispensable reasons, the tender **(Tender ID.: 2022_GRDAL_63086_1, published on 18.11.2022 }** by this office vide **NIB No.** GRDA/Yoj/Rev.MP/01/2022- 02, Dated: 14.11.2022 for above mentioned work is hereby cancelled.

Sd/-
(B. N. Verma)
General Manager (P&P)
GRDA, Ltd.Ranchi

PR 326245 Urban Development and Housing(24-25)#D

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No. 10 UBL 2024-25
Dated : 05.06.2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Sl.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value
1	**Hubballi Division :** Vyascolony - Swamihalli Section- Construction of Limited Height Subway (LHS) in lieu of LC No.10 Km.29/200-300 in between Yeshvanthnagar - Swamihalli Station respectively by RH girder/cut and cover method.	Rs. 8,75,23,644/-
2	**Hubballi Division:** Assistant Divisional Engineer/ Vijayapura jurisdiction- Hotgi (Excl) to Basavanabagaewadi Road (Excl). **(Zone-3A)**	Rs. 21,29,052/-
3	**Hubballi Division:** Assistant Divisional Engineer/ Vijayapura Jurisdiction- Bagalkot (incl)-Kajjidoni (incl)-Basavanabagaewadi Road (Incl) to Badami (Excl). **(Zone -3/1A)**	Rs. 23,11,388/-
4	**Hubballi Division:** Assistant Divisional Engineer / Central jurisdiction - Annigere (Excl) - Gadag (Excl) - Badami (Incl) **(Zone- 4A)**	Rs. 38,96,396/-
5	**Hubballi Division:** Assistant Divisional Engineer / Central Jurisdiction- Karjagi (Incl)- Hubballi (Excl) Annigere (Incl) **(Zone- 4/1A)**	Rs. 38,96,396/-
6	**Hubballi Division:** Gadag - Hotgi Section: Construction of retaining wall and side drain at Km.163/800-163/960 (DN Line) between Mulvad - Kudgi Station .	Rs. 1,82,37,624/-
7	**Hubballi Division:** **Sub Work - I :** Protection of track from falling of boulders from vertical cuttings by provision of Boulder netting with anchoring, catch water drain at top of cutting location between Almatti yard and Bagalkot - Mugalolli of Gadag - Hotgi section under Assistant Divisional Engineer / Vijayapura. **Sub Work - II :** Protection of track from falling of boulders from vertical cuttings by provision of Boulder netting with anchoring, catch water drain at top of cutting location between Jadaramkunte - Almatti of Gadag - Hotgi section under Assistant Divisional Engineer / Vijayapura.	Rs. 4,51,74,532/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 11:00 Hrs on 01-07-2024**
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Engineer / Co-ordination Hubballi
PUB/145/AAS/PRB/SWR/2024-25
South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No. 11 UBL 2024-25
Dated : 06.06.2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Sl.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value
1	**Hubballi Division :** Assistant Divisional Engineer/ Belagavi Jurisdiction Alnawar (Excl) to Miraj (Excl). (ZONE-5).	Rs. 37,73,610/-
2	**Hubballi Division :** Assistant Divisional Engineer/ CastleRock Jurisdiction Londa (Excl) to Vasco (Incl) (ZONE-6)	Rs. 42,21,096/-
3	**Hubballi Division :** Assistant Divisional Engineer/HQ/ Hubballi Section - MTS colony, Devargudihal, Obalapur, Deshpande Nagar, Rail Nagar Colony, New Vidyaranya colony, All colonies pipe line works including Hubballi Railway station . (ZONE-10/A).	Rs. 46,61,000/-
4	**Hubballi Division :** Assistant Divisional Engineer/HQ/ Hubballi Section - Hubballi Station building and its circulating area including all service building, Supervisor Rest House, South side colony, Sheds, Running room, Mechanical Landry, All sheds, in yard, Pit line and other areas which are earlier under the control of incharge SSE/Work at Hubballi . (ZONE-11).	Rs. 30,02,000/-
5	**Hubballi Division :** Assistant Divisional Engineer/ West/Hubballi Section; Hubballi (excl) Alnavar to Ambewadi (incl) (ZONE-12).	Rs. 11,85,000/-
6	**Hubballi Division :** Horticulture works at Hubballi area under Assistant Divisional Engineer/ HQ/Hubballi Jurisdiction (ZONE-13).	Rs. 15,80,000/-
7	**Hubballi Division :** Sub Work – I : Improvement to ROB Br.No. 77/E at Km.189/800-900 and LHS Br.No.98 at Km.222/600-700 in Gadag- Hotgi section in Assistant Divisional Engineer/Vijayapura juridiction. Sub Work – II : Improvement to bridges of Br.No. 15/A at Km.70/800-900 and 67/A at Km.146/300-400 in Gadag- Hotgi section in Assistant Divisional Engineer/Vijayapura juridiction. Sub Division.	Rs. 1,78,83,854/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 11:00 Hrs on 03-07-2024**
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Engineer / Co-ordination Hubballi
PUB/149/AAS/PRB/SWR/2024-25
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Public Work Department
Office of the Executive Engineer Public Works (West) Division Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar
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Telephone/Fax Number:-0240 2331288

E-Tender Notice No.(04) of 2024-25

E-Tender for the following work in B-1 Tender Form is invited via online e- tendering system from Eligible Contractor by the Executive Engineer, Public Works (west) Division, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar on behalf of Public Works Department, Government of Maharashtra Tender Document are downloaded from goverment portal **https://mahatenders.gov.in** Right to select or reject is reserved by Executive Engineer, Public works (west) Division, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar. Conditional Tender will be not accepted. (Number of 3 Works)
All information of e-tender is available on following portal.
A) http://mahapwd.gov.in
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Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Public works(west)Division,
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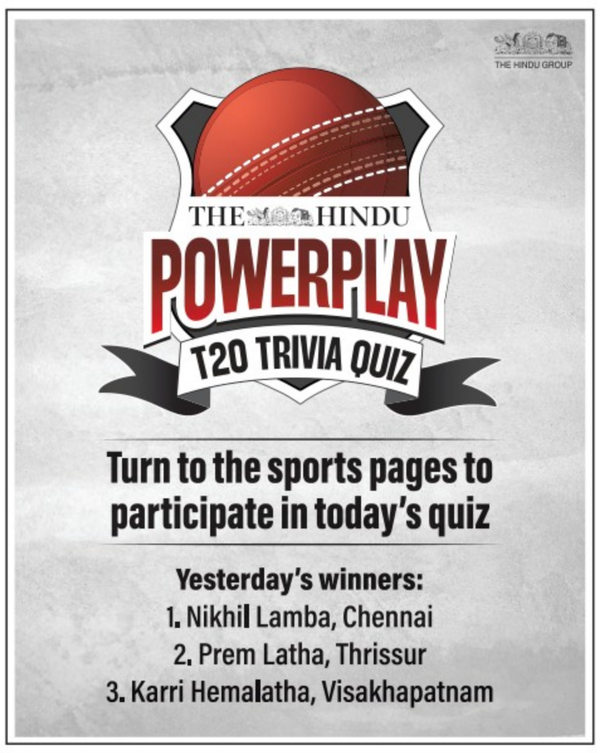

Rapid, diagnostic test for UTIs may help stem super bug crisis

The Longitude Prize-winning device offers an affordable, quick, point-of-care test for urinary tract infections, which promises to revolutionise infection management and global efforts to tackle antimicrobial resistance

Abdul Ghafur

The dipstick test has an accuracy of 50-60%. Even if the doctor carries out a dipstick test, it doesn't help the doctor choose the right antibiotic. GETTY IMAGES

This week, a prize was announced that is likely to have far-reaching implications in the world of health care. Despite its importance, most of the community is unaware of the event. The winner of the Longitude Prize is poised to spearhead a revolution in the field of infection management and global efforts to tackle antimicrobial resistance. The £8 million (₹ 85 crore) Longitude Prize on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), first announced in 2014, revealed its winner at an event in London's Science Museum. The PA-100 AST System from Sysmex Astrego is a high-tech, transformative, rapid, point-of-care test for UTIs (Urinary Tract Infection).

Rational use of antibiotics – choosing the appropriate antibiotic for the correct patient at the optimal time – is fundamental to saving lives and combating the superbug crisis. Rapid diagnostics are poised to be crucial in this effort. The winner of the Longitude Prize is set to spearhead the list of emerging rapid diagnostic technologies in a transformative manner. The applications for the Longitude Prize bring hope, suggesting that through collective action, we can look forward to a future protected from the threats of antimicrobial resistance.

The crisis is imminent: Antibiotic-resistant infections killed nearly 1.3 million people globally in 2019 and are on course to cause 10 million deaths a year by 2050, outstripping cancer. The global economy may lose $ 4 trillion by 2030 and up to $ 100 trillion by 2050 due to the AMR crisis.

What does the prize mean?

Most advanced tests in medical practice today are PCR-based, but the PA-100 AST System from Sysmex Astrego has developed a transformative technology based on a phenotypic test. This test identifies the bacteria causing the urinary tract infection and performs antibiotic susceptibility testing (AST) to determine the effective antibiotic for the specific patient in under 45 minutes.

The test uses a single-use cartridge, the size of a smart phone. Less than half a millilitre of the urine is added to this cartridge. Bacteria in the urine are trapped in over 10,000 microfluidic traps in parallel arrays and exposed to five different antibiotics at five different concentrations. The cartridge is inserted into a reader instrument the size of a shoe box, where bacterial growth is monitored by phase-contrast imaging. The reader provides a report , "sensitive" or "resistant" for each antibiotic in 30-45 minutes. This supports doctors and health workers in their clinical decision making at the point of care, and opens up the significant possibility of previously "retired" first-line antibiotics coming back into use for the majority of patients. Accurate, rapid diagnosis of bacterial infections that helps doctors and health workers manage and target antibiotics, will slow the development and spread of antibiotic resistant infections, improve healthcare and potentially save millions of lives.

The test represents a huge advance over the current turnaround time of 2-3 days. The test will help doctors prescribe the right antibiotic at the right time, rather than waiting for 3 days and resorting to an empirical antibiotic prescription. The test can be performed in a doctor's clinic rather than sending the urine sample to a laboratory. When a patient with symptoms of a urinary infection visits a doctor, if the new technology is used , the doctor will know within 45 minutes ,whether the patient has urinary infection or not and if there is an infection for which antibiotics will work. The test is transformative, accurate, and affordable for patients worldwide.

Currently, there are two types of tests available to diagnose urinary infections.

The first one is the urine dipstick test that can be done as a point-of-care test. Point-of-care diagnostic tests are tests that can be performed in the clinic, emergency departments, hospital wards, or pharmacy counters, without the need to send the sample to a laboratory. The advantage of the dipstick is that results are available in a couple of minutes, which helps doctors decide whether to start antibiotics or not. Unfortunately, accuracy is not more than 50-60%. Even if the doctor carries out a dipstick despite its limitations, the test doesn't help the doctor choose the right antibiotic.

For this, the urine sample must be sent to the laboratory for culture. The culture results take a minimum of 2-3 days. But the doctor cannot wait 2-3 days to start an antibiotic. So, even if the doctor sends a urine sample for culture, they still have to start an antibiotic empirically, based on

> The PA-100 AST System identifies the bacteria causing the infection and performs antibiotic susceptibility testing to determine an effective antibiotic in under 45 minutes

educated guesswork, before the culture results are ready. By this time, the patient has already completed a full or half course of antibiotics. Such blind antibiotic prescriptions are a major cause of the antibiotic resistance crisis, especially in countries like India. A transformative, rapid point-of-care diagnostic test that is accurate and affordable has the potential to revolutionise urinary tract infection treatment in India and worldwide. Currently urinary tract infection management in most cases is based on a 50/50 rationale. Only 50% of patients with symptoms of urinary infection have an actual infection, and the accuracy of a urine dipstick is 50-60%.

In India, every year, millions of patients with urinary tract infections visit doctors or pharmacies seeking treatment. These infections result in significant loss of life, burden the healthcare system, and have a socio-economic impact.

In 20-30% of sepsis patients, the infections originates from the urinary tract. Up to two in five people who develop severe sepsis will lose their lives. Hence, rapid and accurate point-of-care tests for urinary tract infection can save millions of lives worldwide, especially in India. The solution is a rapid, accurate, and affordable test that can help the doctor diagnose urinary infections accurately and provide information on the correct antibiotic that can cure the infection.

What is the Longitude Prize?

In 1714, the British government announced the Longitude Prize to solve the longitude problem, literally.

In the 18th century, thousands of ships were lost at sea because sailors couldn't determine the position of the ship at sea. If a ship doesn't know where it is, it risks being shipwrecked.

To determine the position of a ship, both latitude and longitude are needed. Latitude was easy to measure by observing the sun, moon, and stars, but longitude was a mystery.

The British government announced the Longitude Prize for an invention that helps calculate longitude. John Harrison, a watchmaker, invented an ingenious device that could calculate longitude perfectly and won the prize.

300 years after the first Longitude Prize, Britain launched a second Longitude Prize. The public was asked to vote for a major challenge that needed an immediate solution, such as global warming, food shortages, and water shortages. The public voted for Anti Microbial Resistance.

A £ 10 million Longitude Prize was announced in 2014. Of this, £ 2 million was awarded to various innovators to refine their technology. The final winner receives £ 8 million.

The Longitude Prize on AMR intends to incentivise the creation of new diagnostic tests that in a matter of minutes, can identify whether an infection is bacterial and, if so, the right antibiotic to prescribe to slow the spread of antibiotic resistant infections.

The goal is to replace th2-3-day lab test process that doctors and patients must currently endure, and end "just in case" prescribing that is prevalent as a result, which promotes the development of antibiotic resistance.

(Dr. Abdul Ghafur, Consultant in Infectious Diseases, Apollo Hospitals, Chennai, and a member of the Longitude Prize jury from its inception. drghafur@hotmail.com)

Sriram Natarajan (fourth from left), founder and CEO, Molbio, was part of a panel at the WHA, discussing point-of care diagnostics in India, as per a press release. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

India-made TB diagnostics tech wins acclaim at World Health Assembly

The Hindu Bureau

The Truenat platform, a rapid molecular test for the diagnosis of pulmonary, extrapulmonary, and rifampicin-resistant tuberculosis, that was developed in India, has been hailed for its role in combating TB and as a possible component of global healthcare solutions at the recently held 77th World Health Assembly in Geneva.

Developed by Goa-based Molbio, a point-of-care molecular diagnostics company, Truenat was first launched in 2017 and is a real-time quantitative micro-PCR system. It is a portable, battery-operated machine that can be deployed at labs, health centres, and in the field. Truenat delivers results from samples in less than an hour and can test for over 40 diseases.

At the World Health Assembly (the decision-making body of the WHO), The Global Fund, which collaborates with the WHO to build stronger health systems across the globe, appreciated India's commitment to eliminating TB by creating mass awareness, and intensive monitoring programmes using digital technologies, a press release from Molbio said.

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innovative initiatives in the TB programme such as the use of Truenat machines and handheld X-ray devices, designed for challenging operational environments, could serve as models for global emulation.

Sriram Natarajan, CEO of Molbio, said recognition such as this was welcome, especially as Truenat has now entered global markets, with roughly 10,000 installations worldwide. "Countries that have begun to use Truenat have all reported significant improvements in case detection," he said.

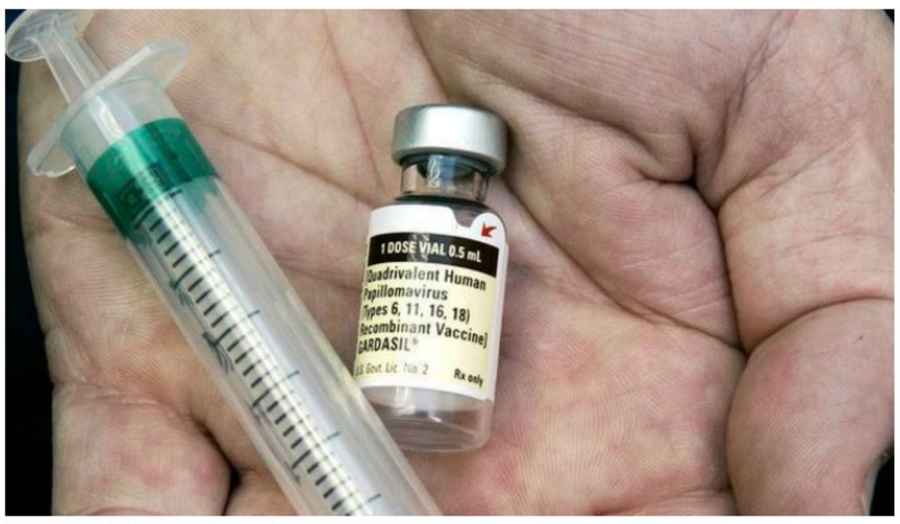
Mr. Nararajan said TrueNat is used at over 7,000 primary health centres and community health centres under the National TB Elimination Programme and is also being used at roughly 1,500 private labs in the country.

At the Assembly, Union Health Secretary Apurva Chandra called upon The Global Fund to continue its support for the TB programme to strengthen the capacities of public health systems, according to a Press Information Bureau release.

Early diagnosis and treatment are crucial to combating TB, which kills an estimated 480,000 Indians every year, or over 1,400 patients every day. The WHO reports over 10 million new cases of TB every year, and India alone accounts for 27% of the global TB burden.

A comprehensive immunisation schedule for women is ready

The Hindu Bureau



Women spend 25% more time in poor health compared to men. AP

The Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI) recently unveiled a comprehensive immunisation schedule for women that provides a list of essential vaccines that adult women should receive, and the recommended frequency of each vaccine. Actor and women's health champion Kajal Aggarwal unveiled the immunisation schedule at an event in Mumbai recently.

The importance of immunisation and vaccine preventable diseases in women cannot be overstated. A recent report highlighted that women spend 25% more time in poor health compared to men. Vaccination can help change this and safeguard women from vaccine-preventable diseases, contributing to an improved quality of life. The report, jointly written by the World Economic Forum and consultant McKinsey, 'Closing the Women's Health Gap: A $1 Trillion Opportunity to Improve Lives and Economies', showcases how the narrowing of the women's health gap would allow 3.9 billion women to live healthier, higher-quality lives.

Preventive health care

Jaydeep Tank, President of FOGSI said, "The launch of FOGSI's updated immunisation schedule for women represents a significant milestone in preventive health care for women. This resource will provide a clear actionable roadmap for both women and doctors, resulting in an increased awareness about vaccination. Immunisation is critical in protecting women against vaccine-preventable diseases and thereby helping reduce its burden in India. I firmly believe that this schedule will make a substantial contribution to the overall health and well-being of women in India and benefit society as a whole."

Explaining how vaccination is not merely for children and that it is recommended at different points of time in life to prevent or protect against infectious diseases, Hrishikesh Pai, immediate past president of FOGSI and currently trustee (Asia-Oceania) at The International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics Trustee, added that adult vaccine coverage in India is almost negligible and this needed to change. "There is an urgent need to sensitise people and health care providers on adult vaccination as it can help save millions of lives in India. Initiatives like the revised immunisation schedule can go a long way in changing the situation and protecting more people in future."

The tendency of women to play down their own health concerns is a factor that must be acknowledged and prepared for, when looking at adult vaccination. Actor Kajal Aggarwal said: "As a mother, my priority is to always be there for my children. And that can only happen when I prioritise my own health. Women should take proactive steps to protect themselves from preventable diseases like cervical cancer. But the challenge often lies in not knowing where to start. I urge all women, regardless of age or stage in life, to take control of their health and consult their gynaecologist today to learn more about the right vaccines for them."

Vulnerable period

A vulnerable period for women is after child birth, when the woman's body changes. After birth a woman's immune and hormonal system undergo changes which increase the risk of infection. "For example, 31% of women are at a high-risk of an HPV infection after birth. Thus, vaccination plays a crucial role in a new mother's health. The immunisation schedule specifically highlights vaccinations that are of utmost importance to new mothers." explained Madhuri Patel, secretary general of FOGSI.

In this venture, FOGSI and MSD Pharma have collaborated to raise awareness about women's immunisation and help prevent vaccine-preventable diseases across India. Priya Ganeshkumar, Chairperson of the FOGSI oncology committee and Co-ordinator for FOGSI Mahila Kavach Kendra, pointed out how studies have shown that increasing physicians' knowledge and awareness on vaccines significantly improves vaccination rates. "FOGSI has therefore decided to provide their member gynaecologists the FOGSI Handbook on Prevention & Management of Cervical Cancer and has also recently launched FOGSI FOCUS PLUS on Adult Women Vaccination, which will build confidence amongst the gynaecologists to counsel their patients on the available vaccines."

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BBMP asks citizens, organisations to adopt parks and medians

People, institutions, and companies can adopt these areas, and maintain and develop them on their own, thereby contributing to the well-being of Bengaluru

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has asked interested citizens, organisations, and citizens' groups to adopt parks, road medians, and circles for maintenance. This programme is being implemented under the corporate social responsibility (CSR) and adoption policy.

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The citizens have to apply for the same on the official website of the BBMP (https://www.bbmp.gov.in). The registration will commence on June 18 and the last date is June 29.

The terms and conditions for adoption are also available on the website. According to a press release issued by the BBMP, after filling the documents citizens should submit the same at the office of the Deputy Director, Horticulture.

The office is located on the ground floor of the Annex 3 building at the BBMP head office. The citizens can also call 9535015189.

It may also be recalled that in 2014, a similar programme was launched. Under this CSR activity, interested companies were asked to maintain parks, schools, hospitals, and lakes. At that time about 300 companies showed interest in participating.

Abdul Wajid, former corporator, said this new programme existed in the past, but in the different manner. The companies under CSR used to maintain and develop parks. Now in the new programme, the citizens can adopt and participate in the process. He said this is a well thought-out project, and it will save money for the civic body.

People can make an application on the BBMP website from June 18 to 29. FILE PHOTO

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The allegations over NEET-UG, 2024

Why has the Union government told the Supreme Court that it will cancel the score cards of candidates who have been awarded grace marks? How did the National Testing Agency respond to the various charges against the conduct of the exams?

EXPLAINER

Ramya Kannan

The story so far:

On June 13, the Union government submitted to the Supreme Court that the score cards of 1,563 candidates who were given compensatory marks in the common undergraduate medical entrance examination, NEET-UG 2024, held on May 5, will be cancelled. Another test will be held for them, likely on June 23. Results would be out by June 30 and the counselling for seats can begin by July 6. These candidates will be informed of the actual score, without the grace marks, and they can choose to take another test. If they opt not to sit for the re-test, their scores, without the grace marks will be the final score.

What happened?

The court was hearing petitions challenging the award of grace marks to the 1,563 candidates from six NEET centres in the country, using a "normalisation formula", on the grounds that they were not allowed the full period of 3.2 hours to write the exam, due to technical issues. Based on a Court order, the compensatory marks were awarded to these candidates on the recommendation of a committee constituted by the National Testing Agency (NTA), the body which conducts NEET. It was charged that the grant of grace marks was arbitrary and not transparent.

What are charges against NEET 2024?

In NEET, students have to answer 180 questions, (MCQ type), totalling 720 marks. For every right answer, the student will score four marks, with one mark deducted for a wrong answer. Hence, only certain marks can be scored by candidates. It was the grace marks that caused confusion, the NTA admitted.

However, this is not the only charge or case in court against NEET 2024. This year there has been a litany of charges that go beyond a question paper leak, including the slow distribution of question papers; providing the wrong question paper; wrong OMR sheets; and technical delays.

Exam woes: Several student groups protesting at freedom park against alleged irregularities in NEET-UG 2024, in Bengaluru on June 11. MURALI KUMAR. K

Post evaluation, there have been complaints about the unusually high number of students (67) who hit the perfect score, 720/720, and about students who scored "statistically impossible" marks, while some cases of cheating by proxy were also unearthed. Other cases pertaining to the question paper leak are still to be heard by the Supreme Court.

In the past, the exam has been dogged by charges of poor organisation and inadequate planning, besides inconsiderate rules on what candidates are allowed to wear to the exam hall.

All these charges sparked protests from students and political parties across the country. Political parties called for a fair investigation of the charges and called on the government to conduct a fresh NEET exam. Students had the same demand, to re-conduct the test, on the grounds that the question paper leak had facilitated some students scoring full marks, or, giving them an unfair advantage. Experts and students pointed to how the very idea of starting NEET as a common entrance exam to regulate medical admissions in the country and ensure quality-control of the process would be defeated in the light of all the reported violations.

In response, the NTA had appointed a four-member committee to go into allegations made against the conduct of the NEET exam in 2024. This panel's recommendations have now found their way into the court also.

What was the NTA's response?

NTA officials attributed an 'easy paper' to the unusual number of full scores this year. But the NTA still constituted a four-member committee to go into the truth behind the allegations made this year. The panel found that the compensatory marks awarded to the 1,563 students, resulted in a "skewed situation". Grace marks had to be limited to the attempted questions alone, and while the panel did not comment further on how many marks were granted in compensation, it concluded that it would be best to cancel the test for these students alone.

What next?

Students and education experts have already expressed dissatisfaction with the cancellation of the exam only for a few students. Arguing that if the exam can be cancelled for 1,500 students, then that is an admission of error and therefore, they claim that the logical thing would be to cancel the May 5 exam for all candidates and conduct a re-test. It indicates a failure of the system and loss of faith, students complained on social media.

Instead of rendering the pitch even, as a measure of ensuring the quality of candidates entering the medical profession, the way NEET is being conducted has created several additional layers of privilege. For an exam of its size and scale, where over 23 lakh students take the test in about 4,500 centres across the country, in multiple languages, small issues may crop up.

However, the test has been around for nearly a decade, and it is reasonable to assume that its teething troubles are over. Preventing fraud and application of mind (on the part of the invigilators to give extra time to students who did not have adequate time) should be eminently possible, certainly by the government agencies.

THE GIST

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China's 'grey-zone' warfare tactics against Taiwan

What are the coercive measures China has imposed on Taiwan?

Anushka Saxena

The story so far:

Since the new Taiwanese president Lai Ching-te has assumed office, all eyes have been on the rocky start to his tenure. While China's belligerent response to Mr. Lai's "pro-independence" and "secessionist" statements was striking, it has now resorted to a sophisticated ploy to respond to Mr. Lai's Democratic Progressive Party (DPP). This is often referred to as 'grey-zone' warfare, which comprises elements that frustrate Taiwan in a sustained manner.

What has China done?

China's preparedness to invade Taiwan and fight a high-intensity war over the island is a much debated subject. Training drills in the People's Liberation Army Eastern Theater Command (PLA ETC) are targeted precisely at demonstrating China's ability to fight and win. However, a more cognitive tool that Beijing is deploying to demonstrate this ability is simulated audiovisuals. On May 24, for example, the PLA ETC Weibo account released a 3D animation video depicting how in an invasion scenario, land-and warship-based ballistic missile launchers would fire tens of missiles at one go, striking areas in Taipei and Kaohsiung.

Moreover, since 2020, the X account of the Taiwanese Ministry of National Defence has turned into a repository of reportage on daily sorties conducted by PLA fighter jets, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), strategic fighters and early warning aircraft. While such sorties do not engage the island's defence forces directly, they exert sustained pressure on them. Further, these UAVs also conduct intelligence work in the areas surrounding the island. The long term presence of such mobilisation induces wear-out within Taiwanese forces, even before there is kinetic combat.

What about ideology?

To build a favourable image for itself, Beijing often deploys narratives within Taiwanese territory that thrust ideological choices upon its citizens. For example, sometime on May 25, just under a week after Mr. Lai assumed office, internet users in Taiwan observed a Youtube video of a Chinese citizen operating a drone to drop cardboard boxes on Kinmen island. When investigated by the Kinmen Defence Command on May 26, the boxes unveiled fliers written in simplified Chinese, stating "Both sides of the Taiwan Strait belong to one China, one Chinese nation. Taiwan independence is a dead end. Lai's Taiwan independence is a dead end." Some other fliers warned, "Don't sacrifice your life for Taiwan independence, do you understand?"

The Kinmen Command stated that this was "a typical cognitive warfare tactic" deployed by China, because it initiates public discussions on social media, and garners attention for the Chinese cause.

What are political tactics China uses?

In its 'carrots and sticks' approach towards Taiwan, Beijing deploys sticks for the DPP and carrots for its primary opposition party, the Kuomintang (KMT). Well known for its relatively pro-mainland views, the KMT continues to engage with Communist Party (CPC) officials, even as any meaningful communication between the DPP and the CPC has stalled since Ms. Tsai became President of Taiwan in 2016. DPP legislators have often described these engagements as KMT's "collusion" with the CPC. In fact, KMT officials have, in the past, been investigated by the Tsai administration under the 'anti-infiltration law' after their visits to China.

China's 'sticks' against the DPP entail coercive economic measures, which leverage the cross-strait trade and business interdependence to seek concessions. One such example is China's unilateral suspension of preferential tax rates for chemical imports from Taiwan, granted under the only trade agreement to exist between the two sides – the Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA). Beijing announced that such a suspension, applicable to 134 items imported from Taiwan, is retaliation against Mr. Lai's propagation of "separatist" sentiments in his inaugural speech, as well as Taipei's own restrictions against imports of over 2,000 goods made in China.

As 'grey-zone' warfare tactics become a subject of deliberation, Mr. Lai will have much to grapple with during his tenure.

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Victim came voluntarily with accused 'excited to meet Darshan', say police

The accused, however, took him to Pattanagere shed, where he was allegedly tortured and killed

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CCTV camera footage shows Renukaswamy coming out of a pharmacy shop where he worked in Chitradurga . SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Renukaswamy, 33, a resident of Chitradurga, who was allegedly abducted, tortured, and killed in a shed here, had come to the spot voluntarily as he was "excited to meet his matinee idol", police investigation has now revealed.

Raghavendra, 43, a resident of Doddapete in Chitradurga, was a close aide of actor Darshan and ran his fan club in Chitradurga district. He tracked down Renukaswamy, who reportedly sent obscene messages to Pavithra Gowda, a close friend of Darshan. "Renukaswamy turned out to be an ardent fan of Darshan. Raghavendra told Renukaswamy that he would arrange a meeting with Darshan and gave him the date and the victim walked into the trap enthusiastically excited to meet the actor," the police said.

On the day, Renukaswamy came to Challakere Gate on his scooter and called Raghavendra. As part of spot inspection, the police on Thursday took Raghavendra to the location, and recovered CCTV camera footage from in and around the area, where it was shown that Renukaswamy was passing by on his scooter heading towards Challakere Gate.

"As per the plan, Raghavendra hired a cab driven by Ravi and took Renukaswamy to Bengaluru, along with others. Raghavendra on the way called the other accused and informed them that he was coming with Renukaswamy to meet Darshan. The other accused received Renukaswamy and took him to Pattanagere shed, where he was allegedly tortured and killed. Darshan, whom Renukaswamy was excited to meet, was also involved," the police said.

The police are now on the lookout for Jagadisha, Anu, Ravi, and Raju, who accompanied Renukaswamy from Chitradurga to Bengaluru, and handed him over to the other accused.

Role of SI under the scanner?

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The accused in the Renukaswamy murder case had allegedly contacted a sub-inspector of police in Bengaluru and sought his advice to dispose of the body.

Sources said it was on his advice that the accused dumped the body in a storm-water drain (SWD) at Kamakshipalya early on June 9, anticipating that heavy rain would wash away the body.

The police are reportedly probing the alleged links of the said officer with the accused. However, senior officials refused to confirm the involvement of the police officer in the case.

Doctor offered bribe?

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A doctor, part of the team that conducted the autopsy of the victim's body, has reportedly informed the police that he was offered a bribe of ₹1 crore to fudge the report to show the cause of death as "natural".

Police sources said they have asked the doctor to file an official complaint to initiate investigation in this regard. However, the doctor is yet to file the complaint, sources said.

Renukaswamy murder: BJP demands a fair probe

Police personnel have put up baricades amid restrictions near the Annapoorneshwari Nagar station in Bengaluru. PTI

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The BJP on Thursday demanded a fair inquiry into the alleged murder case involving actor Darshan, and suspected the motives behind clamping down prohibitory orders around the police station where the accused have been lodged and covering up the station premises with pandal.

Addressing separate press conferences in Bengaluru, BJP State general secretary P. Rajeev and Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok described the murder as a "black spot" for the Kannada cine industry, and urged the industry to take a decision now so that such incidents do not recur.

Mr. Rajeev, who was a police sub inspector earlier, said the episode of clamping down prohibitory orders around the police station where the accused have been lodged was "strange", and reflected poorly on the capabilities of the government in handling law and order issues.

Meanwhile, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil on Thursday said there is no room for any special treatment to the actor. Mr. Patil was reacting to a question on erecting a shamiana in front of the Annapoorneshwari Nagar police station, and imposing Section 144 around the station.

"No special facilities are being provided to the actor. The shamiana was erected for the additional staff deputed there with the case," he said.

'No ban on Darshan yet'

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The Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce (KFCC) has said that it will take a call on banning actor Darshan after the conclusion of the police probe into the case against him. Darshan was sent to six-day police custody on Tuesday, in connection with the murder of Renukaswamy from Chitradurga district.

There were strong calls to ban the actor after the controversial development that shook the Kannada film industry. Addressing a press conference on Thursday, KFCC president N.M. Suresh said that the film chamber will wait for the conclusion of the police investigation before deciding on Darshan's ban.

"Firstly, the KFCC will meet the aggrieved family of Renukaswamy and plan to offer them financial support," said Mr. Suresh. "As for the decision to ban Darshan, we will wait till we know the conclusion of the police inquiry before taking a final decision about it," added Mr. Suresh.

Mr. Suresh said the KFCC met members from the Karnataka Kalavidara Sangha, the Kannada Film Producers' Association, and the Karnataka Film Directors' Association to discuss the issue. "Darshan has some films lined up. We must think from the perspective of producers. Crores are at stake. Hence, we can't decide in haste," said Mr. Suresh.

'Darshan typically looked at harassment issue from perspective of toxic masculinity'

Pavithra Gowda and Darshan. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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"Women are caught between two roles ... Either as a damsel in distress or as a long-suffering wife," remarked Madhu Bhushan, a feminist activist, while speaking about the two women – Pavithra Gowda (a close friend) and Vijayalakshmi (wife) – who are players in the narrative surrounding Kannada film actor Darshan who has been arrested in a murder case.

Ms. Bhushan was among the people who had protested in front of the Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce when Darshan was accused of beating and threatening his wife back in 2011.

"This was an issue [online harassment by the now murdered Renukaswamy] that Pavithra could have handled herself by complaining to the police, but she chose to complain about it to Darshan. On the other side, we have media anchors blaming Vijayalakshmi for tolerating Darshan's behaviour for so long. Why should women be accountable for a man's conduct?" she questioned.

The events leading to the alleged murder of Renukaswamy began with him posting vile comments/sending obscene messages to Ms. Gowda. With thousands of women being subjected to online harassment on an everyday basis, women's rights activists opine that lodging a complaint would have been the right approach.

"What stopped Pavithra or Darshan from lodging a complaint with the cyber cell? They failed to look at it as an issue of a woman being sexually harassed. Darshan typically looked at it from the perspective of toxic masculinity. The fact that he and his associates thought that they could get away with this is scary," said Brinda Adige, a women's rights activist.

The activist stressed the role of the State in such issues.

"When his wife had charged him with physical and mental abuse, the case was soon closed and such happenings give a message to people that no one can touch someone of Darshan's stature, someone who is a movie star and also a campaigner for political leaders. Now, the government must look at framing stringent laws for online trolling so that the police can take strong action," she said.

The case has also brought forth the broader issue of women being judged for their "character". "When a woman's issue comes up, it becomes more about objectification. But the same thing does not happen to a man. Even in Darshan's case, there have been a lot of issues, including what happened with his wife. But it did not affect his career, name or fame. But many women actors who had come forward during the #MeToo movement just vanished from the film industry," pointed out K.S. Vimala of the All-India Democratic Women's Association.

From Page One

Dept. will hand over 500 acres for Yettinahole: DKS

The meeting, which was also attended by officials and T.B. Jayachandra, Karnataka's Special Representative in Delhi, reviewed the progress of implementation of the Yettinahole and Upper Bhadra projects. "Officials have identified challenges in these projects and we discussed solutions for them at the meeting. There were bottlenecks at 20 different places over a stretch of 260 km pertaining to forest land. We conducted a joint survey involving the Forest and Revenue departments and the issue is now resolved. The work will start soon," he added.

Compensation of ₹51 crore needed to be given to farmers at some places, of which ₹10 crore had already been released. "There is a difference of opinion between the Forest and Revenue departments over the compensation and this issue would be discussed at the Cabinet meeting," he said. "The construction of a balancing reservoir in Doddaballapur taluk is pending and preparations are on to start the work. In the first phase, water will be pumped till a distance of 48 km by next month. A technical committee has been formed to explore the possibility of using water, which is currently flowing into the sea," he added.

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In the issue dated June 14, we have an In Focus story on how multiple theatre troupes came to thrive in Shivamogga. There are 32 amateur theatre groups in the city. They have come under one banner to take forward the movement of amateur theatre under the cooperative model.

Citizens welcome govt. decision to keep parks open for longer hours

Debasmita Chowdhury
Maithreya Karthik
BENGALURU

Until recently, parks in Bengaluru were only open for limited hours between 5 a.m. and 10 a.m., and from 3.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The State government's recent decision to keep public parks open from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. was welcomed by all sections of the public.

Parks in Bengaluru were only open for limited hours between 5 a.m. and 10 a.m., and from 3.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. until recently. Some parks would also open late or close earlier than the specified hours. Following requests from citizens to keep parks open in the afternoon too, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Tuesday announced that parks would be kept open for 17 hours daily.

Sangeetha Nayakkankuppam, a regular visitor to the public park in Indiranagar, said: "Having the park open for longer hours is extremely helpful, because it gives us working people the motivation to step out of the house and get to the park, as we can do our walking and exercises later in the day."

Those working long hours and gig workers who have no office spaces, who had demanded that parks should be open throughout the day, lauded the new rule, and said that it provides them a space to get some rest in the middle of a busy day.

"Food delivery partners are always on the move, and if they would like to rest or have some food, then having parks open the whole day will be helpful. So many other people are engaged in work continuously on two-wheelers, so I feel this is definitely a good move," said Vinay Sarathy, from the United Food Delivery Partners' Union.

Abdul Rahim, a taxi driver, who was resting at Mahatma Gandhi Park, said: "I like the fact that parks will be open all day now. It is a nice place to take breaks and rest when not driving."

The Domestic Workers' Union hosts its meetings in public parks regularly. Many of these women had to wait for hours even after their work was done for parks to open, to attend these meetings. "They had to wait till 4.30 p.m for the parks to open even after finishing work by 2.30 p.m. Now, the meetings can be held earlier itself and the workers can go home," said Geetha Menon, joint secretary of the union.

She added: "In general, parks can serve as a means of recreation, for people to come together, and for children to enjoy whatever greenery we have left. Keeping parks open throughout the day can help such causes."

Tania Sharma, who was enjoying her evening walk in the Halasuru park, pointed out: "The park is really nice but the restrooms are pathetic. They should be cleaned regularly and water supply should be improved, if more people are going to visit."

Citizen activist Priya Chetty Rajagopal highlighted that impact on the ecology is a concern because too much activity and honking of vehicles could damage the environment. She also shed light on issues like littering and commercial activities. "It can get difficult to manage these situations, and there should be prominent signboards which tell one how to utilise the park well, which includes not plucking flowers. Both the horticulture staff and security in the parks should be properly trained."

C-CAMP to set up centres of excellence

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP) has been chosen, along with IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi, IIT Kanpur, IIT Hyderabad, and IISc. Bengaluru, to establish centres of excellence (CoE) by the Wadhwani Foundation in Bioengineering and Biotechnology with a funding support of $1 million annually.

C-CAMP said this partnership aims to transform academic and laboratory research by Indian faculty, students, and researchers into real-world solutions, which can be scaled up and implemented by industries, marketed as products, creating long-term economic value, and benefiting society.

"The C-CAMP WIN-COE aims to accelerate homegrown research and discoveries to create an ecosystem that provides inclusive and equitable solutions from emerging technologies, like Synthetic Biology and Bioengineering, while also fostering collaboration between industry, universities, research institutions, and the government," it said.

Aligned with the Anusandhan National Research Foundation's (ANRF) vision of science-driven growth, the initiative will propel innovations that address pressing socio-economic issues, it added.

These solutions will be selected by a national jury of experts; C-CAMP WIN-COE will provide funding and a variety of in-kind support, including incubation, mentorship and hand-holding, to make them commercially viable.

Taslimarif Saiyed, C-CAMP Director and CEO, said: "C-CAMP is delighted to be joining hands with Wadhwani Foundation, one of the most well-known philanthropies in India driving innovation and research for job creation. We will support cross-disciplinary solutions in Biotech and Bioengineering to solve societal challenges. We are looking forward to working together with the other WIN COE partners to make and establish methods for making scientific ideas commercially feasible and viable."

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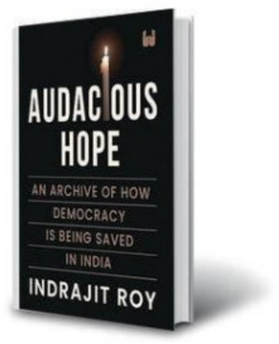

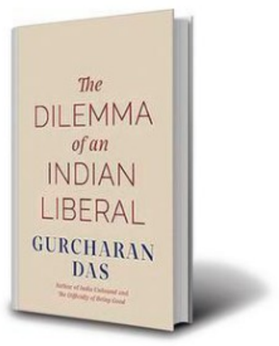

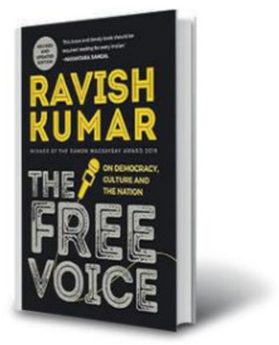

Writers speaking truth to power: the democratic value of dissent

Writers have always been the public voice of the truths of a time, while striving for a better future. Contemporary critics and writers keep the spirit of democracy alive; as do the common men and women of a country, leaning on constitutional and democratic values

Nandini Bhatia

"The writer has taken on more and more of the intellectual's adversarial attributes in such activities as speaking the truth to power, being a witness to persecution and suffering, and supplying a dissenting voice in conflicts with authority," wrote Edward Said, Palestinian-American philosopher-critic, at the turn of the millennium. With the rise of writers like George Orwell, Hannah Arendt, Noam Chomsky, and if we look closer to home, Romila Thapar, Anand Teltumbde and Arundhati Roy, this "special symbolic role of the writer as an intellectual testifying to a country's or region's experience, thereby giving that experience a public identity [is] forever inscribed in the global discursive agenda."

Writers have always been the public voice of the truths of a time, while striving for a better future; although it can be a tedious task. Academic Indrajit Roy, in his book *Audacious Hope: An Archive of How Democracy is Being Saved in India* (2024), revives the lost hope of a people-centric democracy and the dissenting voices that advocate for it. Placing India within historical democratic crises across the world – from radical democratic breakdowns in Chile, Germany, South Africa or Pakistan, to a subtle but significant loss of the democratic spirit in Turkey, Brazil or the U.S. – he offers an optimistic view for India's future, as students, artists, comedians, farmers, women, and other marginalised groups, take a stand against the growing authoritarianism in fields of education, religion, agriculture, citizenship, art and so on. Some emerge victorious in bringing change or at least in reversing autocratic/capitalist measures; others, get the ball rolling for future generations and future governments. "Not all battles are fought for victory. Some are fought simply to tell the world that someone was there on the battlefield," Roy quotes the former NDTV news anchor, Ravish Kumar, from his 2019 speech as he accepted the Ramon Magsaysay Award. Either way, "Democracy welcomes, rather than stifles, dissent," he insists.

Cost of speaking up

Roy calls Ravish Kumar an intrepid journalist; the latter, however, has written honestly and elaboratively on the fear that entails speaking up, both before and after, and his every day journey from fear to courage, in *The Free Voice: On Democracy, Culture and The Nation* (2018). Where Kumar addresses the personal cost of nationalism that came with the political shift in 2014 – in matters of religion, love, privacy, etc. – Roy reviews the last decade through the collective spirit of dissent. Each offer a positive as well as a negative spin on the strength-in-numbers argument, where mobs attack and resent, and protesters question and dissent. "The power that resides in the people must not be frittered away. Be a film star's fan, or cricketer's, but never be a politician's fan. Respect him, but don't be so hypnotised by his words that you forget to evaluate his work and hold him to the promises he makes," Kumar writes, as he urges people to remain, first and foremost, (responsible and duty-bound) citizens of the country.

It is in this spirit, and driven by this power, that the subjects of Roy's book will be remembered – as virodhi (dissenter) and not krodhi (resentful), as Kumar distinguishes – in history. They could be students from Hyderabad, Allahabad, Manipur, Delhi and many other States, protesting systematic and institutional violence rooted in caste and class discrepancies; or the people from all age-groups, genders, and religious backgrounds, who stood up to fight against the "weaponisation of minorities" as perpetrated by the announcement of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (2019) and the subsequent fear that overwhelmed Assam and other pockets of India. It could also be the humanitarian spirit of the citizens of India as they collected, organised and facilitated the movement of funds and supplies, rebuilding hope in the thick of the COVID-19 pandemic. The decisive victory of the farmers' protests also renews the hope Roy endorses.

On a lonely road

Where does the Indian liberal stand amid all this socio-political spinning? Gurcharan Das may have some answers, as he deliberates on a dozen or so aspects of the Indian identity, misled by the growing demagogues in politics, buried beneath the lethal (and in hindsight, tragic) cocktail of "identity politics, majoritarianism and nationalism". In his latest book, *The Dilemma of an Indian Liberal* (2024), he goes back and forth between the paradox of maintaining democracy – as a politician's responsibility and a citizen's duty. As an economist, he gives a fair economic hue to his argument, conferring India as a rising global power, held back by the social decline from within. In this journey, he writes, "the liberal is on a lonely road". The solution is to stay away from "political association with religion" as Roy calls it – be it in animal rearing, caste sanction or in worship.

'Realistic hope'

All three scholars – Indrajit Roy, Ravish Kumar, and Gurcharan Das – show little faith in the opposition and their lack of promising strategy in dealing with the issues that threaten the democratic fabric of the country. Nonetheless, Roy appeals for a "realistic hope" against a radical one. "It is tempting to conflate hope with utopia," he writes, "...this obsession with perfecting humanity" will not lead us anywhere. As long as we lean on and exercise constitutional values, of which, dissent is one, there is hope. Indian citizens did lean on and exercise their constitutional and democratic values, as is evident from the results of the 2024 general elections. They have kept the "realistic hope" alive by practising 'dissent' in its purest form: by voting, by showing up for their democratic right and their role in sustaining it. At a time like this, one is reminded of *The Washington Post* slogan: "Democracy Dies in Darkness". Contemporary critics and writers alike keep the spirit of democracy alive; as do the common men and women of a country. The lone candle flame on the cover of Roy's book, enveloped by darkness, spreads light and empowers citizens to pursue it; an undeniable testimony to hope.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"Disclose, reveal (R. Ravi, Kochi)"

"Both words share the meaning 'to make known to others what was intended to be kept secret, private or confidential'. The secret or confidential matter can be information, or objects hidden from view.

Here are a few examples:

Mohan revealed the truth to Sujatha.

In these examples, it is information that is being shared with others.

The mist lifted and revealed the lake.

In these two sentences, objects previously hidden are being seen.

Although both 'disclose' and 'reveal' have more or less the same meaning, they are not always interchangeable. You cannot for example use 'disclose' with supernatural phenomena – god, ghosts, devil, etc. You cannot for example say 'The devil disclosed himself to her,' but 'The devil revealed himself to her.'

God revealed the truth to Moses.

The word 'reveal' literally means 'remove the veil.' So when you 'reveal' something, you are removing a veil so that people can see the object. 'Disclose' on the other hand means 'not shut,' in other words 'not hidden.' So when you disclose something, you do not hide it, but keep it in the open for inspection."

"Descriptive grammar and prescriptive grammar (A. K. Brinda, Chandigarh)"

"Both deal with the grammar of a language. Descriptive grammar merely lists the rules the native speaker of a language actually uses. Prescriptive grammar, on the other hand, tells (prescribes) what rules the learner should use. The prescriptive grammarian is more interested in the notion of 'correctness.' 'Correctness' is not the concern of a descriptive grammarian. He is concerned with facts. The prescriptive grammarian is concerned with value. He sets up a norm based on the writings of distinguished authors and he considers any deviation from the norm 'incorrect.' The sentence 'Each one brought their pen' will be listed by a descriptive grammarian as such sentences are common. A prescriptive grammarian would consider the sentence wrong and say that 'each' in the sentence should be followed by 'his/her.' 'Each one brought his/her pen.' The prescriptive grammarian's contention would be that 'each should be followed by a singular pronoun. Modern writers use 'their' instead of 'his/her.' Descriptive grammarians list innovations and prescriptive grammarians resist them initially but eventually accept them reluctantly when the innovations are accepted and used by good writers. Both serve a useful role. The role of the descriptivist is to see that the language does not become too rule-bound and that of the prescriptivist is to stoutly resist 'the anything goes' attitude."

"He is going to fall, He will fall"

"Both are predictions. Both tell us that something will happen in the future. But there is a difference. 'He is going to fall' means that his fall is imminent.

The child was going to fall.

'He will fall' means that he is likely to fall in the future. The fall is not imminent. You can say 'He will fall unless he is careful.' But you can't say 'He is going to fall unless he is careful.' There is a near certainty about 'going to.' The 'will' construction tells us that something is likely to happen."

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THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

White is a colour often associated with peace and goodness. A quiz on the colour and what it has meant for cultures throughout history

Vasudevan Mukunth

QUESTION 1

The white colour is said to be achromatic because it has no ___. Fill in the blank with a property that is used to mean the extent to which a colour can be said to be similar to or different from another colour.

QUESTION 2

On electronic screens, when the three primary colours of red, green, and blue are mixed, you get white. This process, in which a new colour is created by bringing together multiple other colours, is called _____ _____. Fill in the blanks.

QUESTION 3

The earliest cave paintings, from the Palaeolithic era, featured white among a few other colours. Name the carbonate mineral (or rock) with the use of which they were able to obtain this white.

QUESTION 4

Ancient Rome had two words to describe the colour white: _____ and candidus. The former stood for plain white and the latter was for a brighter variety. Fill in the blank. Hint: A famous and popular Harry Potter character has the same first name.

QUESTION 5

Jainism has two branches. The names of the two branches are _____ and Digamber, which in Sanskrit mean "white clad" and "sky clad", respectively. Fill in the blank.

Visual question:
Name this man. As the story goes, he created Russia's flag by reordering the colours of the Dutch flag, which was the first national flag to feature the white colour. PUBLIC DOMAIN

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The name of the book Anne Frank is known for. **Ans: The Diary of a Young Girl**
2. The hiding place where Anne hid from Nazi persecution with her family. **Ans: Secret Annex**
3. Anne aspired to this profession. **Ans: Journalist**
4. The only person in Anne Frank's family who survived the confinement. **Ans: Anne's father, Otto Frank**
5. The name Anne called her diary. **Ans: Kitty**
6. The location of the Anne Frank House. **Ans: The Netherlands**
Visual: This actor played Anne Frank in this 1959 film and this actor won the Academy Award for the Best Supporting Actress. **Ans: Millie Perkins played Anne; Shelley Winters who essayed the role of Petronella van Daan won the award**
Early Birds: Vasudha A. S.| Mouli Pal| Nyasha| Abhinav Raj| Prashant Nain

Word of the day

Corrigible:
capable of being corrected or set right

Synonyms: sort out, discipline

Usage: *It is a corrigible defect.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/corrigiblepro

International Phonetic Alphabet: / kɒrɪdʒɪbəl/

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CET and NEET counselling to be held simultaneously this year too, but only in July

Final NEET results will be out on June 30, following which NTA will conduct counselling for 15% national govt. quota medical seats and then release the seat matrix of the remaining seats for State-level counselling

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has announced that the Common Entrance Test (CET) counselling and National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) counselling will be held together like previous years but the process will be delayed this time.

This came amid rumours that the KEA will go ahead with the counselling for admissions to engineering and other professional courses as the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) counselling has been delayed. The CET results were announced on June 1 and the NEET results on June 4. However, the NEET results have been disputed and challenged in the Supreme Court.

The Union government told the Supreme Court on Thursday that grace marks given for 1,563 NEET candidates will be scrapped and these candidates will be given an option to take a retest on June 23, and the revised results for NEET 2024 will be announced on June 30.

A file photo of students and their parents taking part in CET counselling in Bengaluru.

> In the interest of students, we have decided to conduct CET and NEET counselling simultaneously, so that students will have a fair choice between medical and engineering courses.
> **PRASANNA H.,**
> Executive Director, KEA

Rumours and fears

"Thousands of students are ranked high enough to get both medical and engineering seats. If CET counselling is held first and admission to engineering courses is completed, then if we get a medical seat in the NEET counselling, which will be held later, the fee will not be refunded immediately, if we cancel admission to the engineering course. This will cause severe problems to students," said Monica C.G., who has heard rumours of CET counselling being held first.

However, Prasanna H., Executive Director, KEA, speaking to *The Hindu*, appealed to the students not to heed rumours. "In the interest of students, we have decided to conduct CET and NEET counselling simultaneously, so that students will have a fair choice between medical and engineering courses. We are still awaiting the seat matrix of both engineering and medical courses apart from other allied courses, apart from the NEET counselling schedule from the National Testing Agency (NTA). The counselling this time will be delayed by a few weeks," he said.

Given that the final NEET results will be announced only on June 30, following which the NTA will conduct three rounds of counselling for 15% national government quota medical seats and then will release the seat matrix of the remaining seats for State-level counselling, CET and NEET counselling sessions are expected to be held only in July. This will help students who aspire to get medical seats but don't, to opt for good engineering courses in leading colleges.

Meanwhile, the National Medical Commission is yet to approve the seat matrix of medical, dental, nursing, and other allied health science courses in the State for 2024-25.

The All-India Council for Technical Education is also yet to approve the seat matrix for engineering courses in the State for the coming academic year.

25-year-old man beaten to death

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A group of eight security guards allegedly beat up a 25-year-old man to death at South Avenue Layout in Konanakunte early on Thursday. The deceased has been identified as Salman. His associate, Salim aged around 25, was severely wounded and admitted to a hospital.

Salman and Salim were allegedly tied to a pole and thrashed until they passed out. The guards took them to the hospital, where the doctor after examination declared Salman as brought dead, while Salim was being treated at critical care unit .

Based on information from the hospital, the police rushed to the spot and launched a hunt for the security guards who are on the run.

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Govt. yet to float tenders for 53 proposals approved during 2023-24

CM instructs Chief Secretary, Ministers to initiate action for floating tenders for pending proposals in the next one month

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State Cabinet met on Thursday for the first time after the declaration of the Lok Sabha results and discussed the status of tender proposals of various departments and found that no action had been taken to float tenders with regard to 36% of the proposals (53) that were approved during the last financial year (2023-24).

The meeting meeting, chaired by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, instructed Chief Secretary Rajneesh Goel and Ministers to initiate action for floating tenders for pending proposals in the next one month.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah arriving for the Cabinet meeting at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Thursday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

In various stages

Briefing on the decisions taken at the Cabinet meeting, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil said administrative approval had been given for 147 tender proposals of various departments from November 23, 2023, to March 14, 2024.

Of these proposals, tenders had been called for 94 proposals while 19 proposals were under review.

Work orders had been issued for 18 tenders and work completed in seven cases. However, tenders were yet to be floated for 53 proposals, which had received administrative approvals a few months ago, he said.

Of the 19 proposals of the Water Resources Department no action had been taken to invite tenders for 15 proposals. Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar heads the department. The Urban Development Department is yet to invite tenders for seven out of the 14 proposals.

The other major departments that had not initiated action for inviting tenders for approved proposals are: Health and Family Welfare (5), PWD (5), Transport (3), IT/BT (3), School Education and Literacy (3), and Medical Education (3). Tenders of more than ₹10 crore requires Cabinet approval.

Improving governance

The Chief Minister has discussed issues related to governance and administration and told the Ministers to take steps for improving governance. The district-in-charge Ministers had been told to hold 'Janata Darshan' in their respective districts for making the administration effective.

The Cabinet provided administrative approval for ₹12 crore for construction of a new court building at Bhatkal in Uttara Kannada district. The building would have four court halls, Mr. Patil said.

Administrative approval was also given for providing 112 BS-IV buses to Kalyana Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation. The sum approved for purchasing 112 buses was ₹46.48 crore.

Invest Karnataka-2025 in Bengaluru from Feb. 12

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

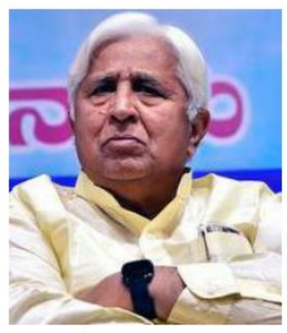
The State government has decided to hold Invest Karnataka-2025, a global investors' summit in Bengaluru from February 12 to 14, for attracting investments to diverse sectors of the State economy.

A Cabinet meeting, chaired by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday, sanctioned an additional ₹15 crore for holding the investors' meet at Palace Grounds in the city. Already ₹75 crore had been sanctioned for the purpose.

Time required

Briefing on the decisions taken at the Cabinet meeting, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil said at least 10 to 12 months were required for preparations and holding the meet.

The services of Boston Consulting Group India Private Ltd. will be sought for bringing investments to the State, by paying fees of ₹21 crore, including GST.



H.K. Patil

Services of Boston Consulting Group India Private Ltd. will be sought for bringing investments to the State

The firm would act as a knowledge partner to the government and work out strategies for attracting investment to the State, both from global and domestic investors. A delegation, led by Industries Minister M.B. Patil participated in the 54th annual meeting of the World Economic Forum at Davos in Switzerland in January for attracting investment in various sectors of the economy.

CID recovers ₹3.5 crore

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Criminal Investigation Department (CID) sleuths, probing the alleged multi-crore scam in Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation, recovered ₹3.5 crore from a premises linked to Managing Director J.G. Padmanabha on Thursday.

Based on information, the CID officials raided the place and recovered the cash. With this, the officials have recovered a total of ₹11.7 crore from the accused so far. The officials have also arrested eight people in the scam.

Earlier, the officials arrested Satyanarayana Verma and Chandra Mohan from Andhra Pradesh who worked as middlemen and opened multiple bank accounts to transfer crores linked to the scam. Their names came to light after officials arrested Satyanarayana Itakari, chairman of a credit cooperative bank in Hyderabad, for helping the accused open bank accounts to facilitate illegal money transactions.

Sexual exploitation of patients will erode doctor-patient relationship: High Court

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Observing that sexual exploitation of patients by a medical practitioner will erode relationship of trust between a doctor and a patient, the High Court of Karnataka declined to quash investigation into a criminal case registered against a 33-year-old city-based doctor for allegedly making sexual overtures to a 28-year-old woman patient.

Under IPC

"A doctor by profession has access to the body of the patient. If the access is utilised for the purpose of healing, it is an altogether different circumstance and a divine act. If it is utilised for 'some other feeling, it would clearly become advances' which would attract Section 354A [sexual harassment] of the Indian Penal Code," the court observed.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna made these observations while dismissing a petition filed by Chetan Kumar, who practises in a private hospital as well as operates a clinic.

The FIR was registered against the petitioner in March on a complaint by the victim that he made explicit sexual overtures. He advised the victim, who consulted him at the hospital, to get ECG and X-ray of chest for her cough and send the test report to his mobile number through WhatsApp. When she sent the report, he messaged her to come for further examination to his clinic, where he indulged in the offence alleged against him. However, the petitioner denied the allegations.

Power equation

"The unequal distribution of power in the doctor-patient relationship may give rise to opportunities of sexual exploitation. This vulnerability should not be used as a weapon by doctors, misusing the trust the patient reposes in the doctor," the court observed.

Also, the court pointed out that the Indian Medical Council had issued "guidelines for doctors on sexual boundaries" prepared by the Indian Psychiatric Society (IPS) task force. The guidelines, available on its website, pointed out that whenever a female patient was being examined by a male practitioner, it should be ensured that it would be done in the presence of a female person, particularly at the time of physical examination, the court noted.

The guidelines also stated that doctors should ensure that they do not exploit the doctor-patient relationship for personal, social, business, or sexual gain, the court said while observing that the petitioner-doctor had *prima facie* violated all these aspects and therefore an investigation in the least, should be permitted to be continued.

BJP, JD(S) leaders will decide on Channapatna bypoll candidate: Nikhil

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Amidst speculation over the NDA candidate to be fielded at Channapatna in the byelections, the Janata Dal (S) Youth wing president Nikhil Kumaraswamy on Thursday said that the leadership of both BJP and JD(S) at the State and national level would decide on the candidate.

"Opinions of leaders from both parties would be taken and a report would be submitted to the leadership based on which the candidate will be decided," he told pressmen here.

"At this moment, discussion on my candidature from Channapatna is irrelevant. C.P. Yogeshwar has also worked hard to ensure the victory of NDA candidate in the Lok Sabha. The leaders of both parties will decide on the issue."

While his father and Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy's election from Mandya as MP has resulted in the seat falling vacant, it is speculated that the JD(S) is planning to field Mr. Nikhil. Five-time MLA and BJP MLC Mr. Yogeshwar, who lost to Mr. Kumaraswamy in 2023, is also keen to contest.

In Congress, though there has been rumours that former Bengaluru Rural MP D.K. Suresh, who lost to Dr. C.N. Manjunath, would contest from Channapatna, there has been no word on it yet.

Channapatna Assembly segment falls under Bengaluru Rural Lok Sabha constituency and is in Ramanagara district, a hotbed of Vokkaliga politics. Stating that he had accidentally entered the fray in 2019 general elections in which he was defeated from Mandya, Mr. Nikhil said that he was focusing on politics full time and had taken a break from acting.

"Politics is a big responsibility and managing a regional party is a bigger responsibility. I will strive to build the party."

Meanwhile, the JD(S) workers have planned to give a grand welcome to party State president and former Chief Minister Mr. Kumaraswamy, who is arriving in Bengaluru on Friday after taking charge as Union Minister. Mr. Kumaraswamy will be visiting Ramanagara and Mandya on Sunday where he will participate in felicitation functions.

JD(S) leader Nikhil Kumaraswamy addressing a press conference in Bengaluru on Thursday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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> Janata Dal (S) Youth wing president

BJP terms efforts to arrest Yediyurappa as 'politics of vendetta'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

While a Bengaluru court has issued an arrest warrant against former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa in a case registered against him on March 14 under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, the BJP has described it as "politics of vendetta" and demanded Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's response in this regard.

Addressing a press conference here on Thursday, BJP MLCs C.T. Ravi, N. Ravikumar and Chalavadi Narayanaswamy maintained that the Congress government was trying to act against Mr. Yediyurappa out of vendetta as Mr. Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi were facing court cases due to their allegations that the erstwhile BJP dispensation indulged in collection of 40% commission from contractors.

Referring to the earlier statement of Home Minister G. Parameshwara that there was no stuff in the case and that the complainant had filed such complaints against more than 60 people, they wondered why the government which waited for more than three months after filing the complaint, was now trying to arrest Mr. Yediyurappa.

Meanwhile, BJP State general secretary P. Rajiv maintained that it was not right to politicise anything and everything for political reasons.

"It was a false case filed three months ago. No one bothered about it until the election results came. Mr. Yediyurappa has already appeared for investigation three or four times. If called, he will go again. We have confidence in the judiciary."

NIA chargesheets seven accused in Ballari terror module case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday chargesheeted seven persons who allegedly created an Islamic State-inspired terror module in Ballari.

The NIA arrested seven persons from Ballari in December last. They have now been charged under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, the Arms Act, 1959, and the Explosive Substances Act, 1908, apart from various sections of the Indian Penal Code.

The NIA has charged the seven with recruitment and radicalisation of vulnerable youth as 'mujahideens' to operate as terrorist sleeper cells.

NIA arrested seven persons from Ballari in December last

According to the chargesheet, the accused were "part of a bigger IS conspiracy to prepare 50 such sleeper cells in each district of India by 2025".

"These sleeper cells were being prepared to carry out guerrilla attacks on Indian soldiers, police, and leaders of specific religious organisations," the NIA alleged.

"The accused were also involved in the fabrication of explosives for furtherance of the IS goal to establish the Caliphate in India by waging jihad against the Government of India," the chargesheet alleged.

"The improvised explosive devices prepared by the accused were meant to unleash terrorist violence in various parts of the country. The accused had already carried out a trial blast in Ballari, Karnataka, and had also been sharing jihad-related digital documents and data with other vulnerable youth to lure and take them into their fold," the NIA claimed.

The investigation agency claimed that during the probe, it had recovered explosive materials, sharp-edged weapons, digital devices containing propaganda magazines related to jihad, khilafat, fidayeen attacks published by various terrorist organisations including IS, and "several incriminating documents and data exposing the IS road map for establishing Islamic rule in India".

The NIA chargesheet further alleged that six of the accused had taken 'bayyath' (pledge of allegiance) from their co-accused Mohammed Sulaiman alias Minaj, who had proclaimed himself as Amir of the group allegedly created by him.

Besides Minaj, the others chargesheeted have been identified as Mohammed Muniruddin, Syed Sameer, and Mohammed Muzammil, all residents of Karnataka; Anas Iqbal Shaikh, a resident of Maharashtra; Mohammed Shahbaz alias Zulfikar of Jharkhand, and Shayan Rehman alias Hussain of Delhi.

Agniveer recruitment rally in Madikeri from June 27

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BENGALURU

An Agniveer recruitment rally will be held in Madikeri from June 27 to July 2. The rally is being organised by the Head Quarters Recruiting Zone Bangalore at the General Thimayya district ground in Madikeri.

The rally is for candidates shortlisted in the Common Entrance Examination, which was conducted from April 22 to May 7. The rally is being held for enrolment of Agniveer General Duty, Agniveer Technical, Office Assistant/Store Keeper Technical, Agniveer Tradesmen 10th Pass, and Agniveer Tradesmen 8th pass categories in the army.

The rally is being held for shortlisted male candidates from Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural, Tumakuru, Mandya, Mysuru, Ballari, Chamarajanagar Ramanagara, Kodagu, Kolar, Chickballapur, Hassan, Chitradurga, and Vijayanagara districts.

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How walking tours can help you connect better with the neighbourhoods of the city

Gully Tours' flagship City Explorer programme, the second edition of which will kick off in Bengaluru on June 22, seeks to create more ambassadors for the city

Preeti Zachariah
BENGALURU

Krittika Vishwanath loves exploring new cities on foot. "I have always been a walker and feel like I know a place only if I walk it," says the Bengaluru-based bookseller associated with Champaca Bookstore. The slowing down and sense of wonder that travelling by shank's mare induces is eye-opening, believes Krittika, who has participated in walking tours in several places in India and across the world.

Along the way, she inevitably became an informal tour guide of sorts, helping steer her friends through cities, familiar and new. "I was always doing it... whether it was the place I grew up or travelled to, I would take up the reins," she admits, with a laugh.

It is why she was intrigued by Gully Tours' flagship City Explorer programme, the second edition of which will kick off in Bengaluru on June 22. "I didn't know there was a structured way of actually doing walking tours," says Krittika, who was part of City Explorer's first edition. "I thought it would be interesting to figure out what goes on behind the scenes of a walking tour. That was my primary motivation for signing up," she says.

Participants exploring the city with Gully Tours. GULLY TOURS

The Bengaluru edition, which costs around ₹7,500, is open to anyone over 18.

From a session of Gully Tours. GULLY TOURS

Many kinds of walk

Today, she is herself part of Gully Tours, leading several of their curated walking experiences, including *Death by Dosa*, a food and history walk through Chickpete, and *Malleshwaram Hogona*, which explores the area's street art. "It was a nice learning process," she says, pointing out that City Explorer taught her how to structure her walks, interact with different groups and offer research-backed information to participants. "You can't faff your way through. It has to be built on evidence and oral history and also then bringing in personal touch and stories," she says.

Creating more storytellers about the spaces we inhabit is the raison d'etre of the City Explorer programme, which promises to make you "a pro in exploring the historical, economical, and social fabric of your city," as the Gully Tours website puts it. According to Vinay Parameswarappa, Gully Tours' founder, the hybrid programme, spread over five weekends, is all about helping create more ambassadors for the city. The course, he adds, isn't just about fun and exploration, but also about some great learnings. "We feel the story of the city just needs to be told..there are so many layers here," he says.

How it began

Gully Tours, says Vinay, was founded "completely by accident." The idea for the enterprise was triggered during a year spent working in Singapore, back in 2008. "I went on a chance walking tour here, and it blew my mind," he says. Unlike his experience in India, which often ended up being too "touristy", this walk was all about travel, trivia and people. "All those things that I enjoy," he says. The experience also got him wondering as to why the tiny city-state gets more tourists than India. "We have so much to offer; we are a subcontinent with 5,000 years of history," he says. And yet, India doesn't get the interest that Singapore, a smaller, much younger country does. He was convinced that this was because we don't package and market ourselves well. He also felt that having credible, well-informed tour guides could play an important role in telling rich and diverse stories about our country.

So, in 2009, he started Royal Mysore Walks, to create a travel experience that focused on exploration and learning. One of the things he struggled with, back then, he says, was getting people to lead these tours. "We had to start training people internally, and that was a lot of fun." He spent the next few years focusing entirely on this princely city-state, training people from multiple backgrounds to become tour guides, before deciding to branch out into other parts of the country, including Kodagu (Coorg), Bengaluru and Kochi in 2016. "That is when we became Gully Tours," he says.

Exploring a city

As with many small businesses across the world, Gully Tours was badly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. "When the pandemic hit, everything came to a halt. We had to start again from scratch," says Vinay, who ended up having to close down the Coorg and Kochi editions of Gully Tours at this time. Instead, the team decided to focus solely on Mysuru and Bengaluru, starting more walks in these cities. The interest in these city-centric walks slowly built up. "We found people coming with their friends and family...even their dates."

During these walks, the entrepreneur noticed something interesting - several participants began asking him how they too could curate and lead walks. "We kept hearing a lot of this," says Vinay. "So, we decided to open our internal training program to the public."

In June 2023 the City Explorer programme, "for people who want to explore cities in a deeper and nuanced way to learn its history, its people, and the communities that thrive here," was rolled out. With editions in both Bengaluru and Mysuru, the programme does two things, according to Vinay. "We want participants to get to know the city - its history, architecture, how you look at research, as well as be able to tell a great, compelling story."

The Bengaluru edition, which costs around ₹7,500, is open to anyone over 18, and is "curious about things around," says Vinay. As part of the programme, participants will have access to walking tours, interactions with city experts, sessions on research methods and the art of storytelling. It also includes a specially curated workshop for the participants, with the goal of providing a more nuanced understanding of a city's history, culture and pulse.

Archivist Aishwarya Kirit, one of the facilitators of the programme, gives a sneak peek into the module she offers. It focuses on how to do one's research as one puts together a walking tour. While information is available on the internet, it is not always credible, says Aishwarya, who encourages participants to use spaces like libraries and archives as well as lean on oral histories while designing walking tours. "A walk is a story at the end of the day, and we construct the story however we want." But, she insists, the sources one uses to create the story must always be carefully vetted.

Why walk

Over the years, Vinay has seen how different people relate to the stories they hear during city-based walking tours. Outsiders, for instance, let go of their pre-existing stereotypes of the city while new migrants find a sense of belonging, in his opinion. In recent times, several white-collared professionals have been coming for the walks, along with their team members, he says, adding that school children too can benefit from the experience. "A city can be a great backdrop for learning."

And then there are the old-timers, who get to rediscover their city through these walks. Charusmitha Rao is one of them. "You go through the lanes of the city which you've walked through multiple times, but you see it through a different perspective," says the HR professional, who enrolled in the programme last year.

The City Explorer programme helped Charusmitha fall in love with Bengaluru all over again. It was also a chance for her to contribute to the city in a meaningful way.

"I felt like it was a great opportunity to give back, to learn more through the experts curating this programme and find a way to connect the city in new ways," adds the self-confessed city explorer and culture enthusiast.

To learn more about City Explorer, log into www.gully.tours/city-explorer

HOGR's Xplore a travel series to redefine food discovery

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

HOGR, a food discovery app that simplifies what to eat and where to eat, has taken its next step offline with the launch of the Xplore travel series. With Xplore, HOGR aims to introduce people to cuisines and cultures through unique experiences. HOGR sets its sights on uncovering hidden gems, feasting on the region's traditions, and building an even tighter-knit community of food lovers.

Jugul Thachery, Founder and CEO of HOGR, said, "At HOGR, we see food as an adventure best shared with people around us. Food discovery isn't just what we do; it's who we are. Our mission is to transform the very idea of social eating, and Xplore is an extension of this thought process."

"Xplore is all about celebrating community, culture, and cuisine, making every meal an experience in itself. It is to make food discovery fair, fun, and accessible. Unlike other platforms, HOGR gives food lovers curated options upfront, turning every meal into an exciting surprise."

Deep Science start-ups get a platform at ACS Ignite

Over 20 start-ups got a platform to pitch their ideas to Venture Capitalists through this event

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BENGALURU

ACS Ignite, a start-up event aimed at empowering deep science start-ups to raise funding and mentorship was organised by the Student Chapter of the American Chemical Society (ACS) in collaboration with ACS and Fortytwo at Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR) on Thursday. Over twenty start-ups got a platform to pitch their ideas to Venture Capitalists, who would go on to provide access to networks and funds.

Representatives from renowned VC firms such as Ankur Capital, Bharat Innovation Fund, and Enzia Ventures participated in the event. GETTY IMAGES

Renowned VC firms

Dr. Krishna Raghav Chaturvedi, Outreach Manager with the Global Strategy for Society Programs (GSSP) and part of the organising committee of ACS Ignite said that this event is a platform that provides start-ups with access and the opportunity to network and collaborate. "It will generate a lot of employment. That is what we are trying to do. So far India has incorporated more than a lakh start-ups in the past decade, and this initiative is just a step in that direction. So, we are putting everybody on the roof," he said.

Innovative start-ups like Greenovate Solutions, Serigen Mediproducts, and AIRA Systems from across different cities in India and representatives from renowned VC firms such as Ankur Capital, Bharat Innovation Fund, and Enzia Ventures participated in the event.

Speaking at the event, Pathipati Srihari, an associate professor at National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK) Surathkal, said "This is a wonderful idea. All deep science and deep tech companies have been nominated by their respective institutes to present their technological innovations. All the participants will have a kind of exemplary experience of how they can go ahead with their start-up activities in the future." JNCASR is a national supercomputing facility that is available for both scientists and outside users. Its facilities can be used by start-ups either in collaboration or pay-per-use mode. There are top-end experimental tools for both characterisation, fabrication, and making of materials.

Participants appreciated the event for providing entrepreneurs from different places to pitch their ideas to investors.

Pabitra Nath, Co-Founder and Director at Labdig Innovations pitched his clinical prototype at this event and stressed that such deep science events should be publicised on a larger scale. "There are many entrepreneurs from different regions who do not know about these opportunities. I think they would really appreciate the chance to come and talk about what they are working on."

Exposure

Ankit Khedia founder and lead investor at Capital-A said that such deep tech platforms are an amalgamation of academia, investor community and research. "Despite Bengaluru having deep science companies they do not get a lot of exposure to showcase their ideas We see at least 3,000 deals a year and if we can see 1% of that here in one single day, that saves us so much time."

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Centre's Role in Power Generation: Karnataka Minister's View

Bangalore, June 13: Karnataka would be only too happy if the Centre were to play a supplemental role in the fruition of several thermal schemes and the nuclear power plant as the main impediment in the way of shortfalls in energy generation, during the previous Plan periods, was the shortage of resources in money and materials. This was the initial reaction of the Electricity Minister of Karnataka, Mr. H. M. Channabasappa, to the Union Irrigation and Power Minister's recent statement on the Centre's plan to reactivise the Central Electricity Authority for quicker power development in the country.

Rs. 5 Lakhs for Cricket Stadium

Bangalore, June 13: The Bangalore City Corporation yesterday unanimously approved the payment of a sum of Rs. 5 lakhs to the authorities of the Karnataka State Cricket Association for completing the cricket stadium now under construction at Mahatma Gandhi Road. The Secretary of the Association had requested the Corporation to sanction the amount as an additional grant. Members led by Mr. Ramachandra Gowda (Jan Singh), supporting the payment of the money, pointed out that shortly Bangalore would become a Test centre and that the stadium should be completed as early as possible.

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Mobilising funds in a unique way

Shivamogga has a good number of amateur theatre groups active for decades. Abhinaya, one of the groups started in 1972, had devised a system to mobilise funds. They collected ₹10 as annual contribution from those who regularly watched their plays. The commitment from the troupe was to stage at least four plays in a year.

Black screen and spotlights

Amateur troupes, influenced by the company theatres, normally used scene-curtains as the backdrop. The curtains with pictures depicting locations changed as the scene changed. For the first time in the 1970s, Abhinaya troupe used black screens. They also experimented with lighting, using spotlights in place of floodlights.

Plays from college syllabus

As many of the people involved in theatre productions were lecturers, they chose plays keeping their students in mind. Often they chose plays, which were part of the syllabus for undergraduate and postgraduate students. Prof S.C. Gowrishankar, who taught at DVS College in Shivamogga, adapted a few Shakespearean plays.

Experiments with new directors

Amateur troupes in Shivamogga were eager to experiment.
They were ready to act under new directors. When Chidambara Rao Jambe returned to Shivamogga from NSD in Delhi, he was invited to direct plays in Shivamogga. Later, groups invited directors like Ashok Badaradinni, Nataraj Honnavali, Ganesh Mandarthi, and others.

A very enthusiastic audience

Actors and directors of Shivamogga fondly remember occasions when audience met them after shows and praised their acting or depiction of characters.
Many people involved in theatre production remember the days when hundreds of people would stand in long queue in front of DVS Rangamandira to purchase tickets.

How multiple theatre troupes came to thrive in Shivamogga town

Shivamogga in southern Karnataka is one of the district centres where many amateur theatre troupes have been active for decades

Sathish G. T.
SHIVAMOGGA

Well-known Marathi playwright Vijay Tendulkar's play *Kanyadaan* was staged at DVS Ranga Mandira in Shivamogga on October 14 and 15, 2023. Both days the hall was packed. The artistes of Sahyadri Ranga Taranga won the hearts of theatre lovers with their performance.

Soon after the show, the artistes engaged in an interaction with the audience. The responses from the theatre lovers were varied. While a few appreciated the acting and presentation of the plot, many raised serious objections to the content of the play, written in 1983. It was a very eager, academic and lively debate with multiple voices coming in.

Dr. H.S. Nagabhushan, who translated the play into Kannada and played the lead role, and R.S. Halaswamy, the director, listened to the opinions expressed by the audience with an open mind. "This is the beauty of staging a play for an audience in Shivamogga. The audience is frank in their opinions," says Halaswamy, a journalist and a theatre personality.

The audience also expects discipline from the teams when it comes to managing the time. Dr. Sasvehalli Sathish, a well known director, actor, and founder of the of the Hongirana team, recalled in a programme in Shivamogga recently how senior people among the audience raised objections when one of his plays was delayed by 20 minutes.

Kuvempu Ranga Mandira in Shivamogga maintained by the Department of Kannada and Culture is one of the best auditoriums to stage plays, according to theatre persons in Shivamogga. SATHISH G.T.

The audience engaged in an interaction with the production team after *Kanyadaan* play was staged in Shivamogga.

Marathi playwright Vijay Tendulkar's *Kanyadaan* was staged in Shivamogga in October 2023. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

A long history of theatre

Shivamogga is one of the district centres in Karnataka where many amateur theatre troupes have been active for decades. According to the association of theatre artists of amateur troupes, Havyasi Rangatandagala Kalavidara Sangha, there are 32 amateur theatre groups in the city. They have come under one banner to take forward the movement of amateur theatre under the cooperative model.

The amateur theatre in Shivamogga has a long history. The emergence of amateur groups has its roots in the theatre productions of popular companies, which camped in Shivamogga for several months a year. The senior citizens of the city recall the plays staged by companies belonging to Gubbi Veeranna, Honnappa Bhagavatar, Master Hirannayya, Varadachar, Mohammed Peer, Yoganarasimha and many more. The actors who visited the city for performances included Raj Kumar, Balakrishna, Narasimharaju, G.V. Iyer among others, who later ruled the silver screen.

In the 1950s, a few writers, lecturers, doctors, and businessmen who were familiar with modern plays and literature joined hands to form the United Artists. This is considered to be the first amateur troupe in Shivamogga City. The team involved teachers, businessmen, advocates, and doctors. They include Khandoba Rao, a lecturer, Hiriyanna, a businessman, Dr. Ashok Pai, a noted psychiatrist, and H.M. Prabhakar, who was an excellent make-up artist.

The artistes chose plays by Kuvempu, T.P. Kailasam, among others. Sa. Shi. Marulaiah, a writer, K.S. Nisar Ahmed, a poet, who worked in Sahyadri College in Shivamogga then, were also part of the team. As the team members shifted to different locations, activities gradually slowed down.

Birth of new troupes in '70s

In the early 1970s, a team of active lecturers, writers, and businessmen, felt the need for an amateur theatre group. Under the leadership of poet and writer K.S. Nisar Ahmed, who was teaching at Sahyadri College, staged *T. Prasannana Gruhastashrama*, written by P. Lankesh, another talent from Shivamogga, and *Ellige*, written by Na. Rathna. The productions received a good response.

Later, they formed a group and named it Abhinaya. The first production of the team was *Hayavadana*, by well-known playwright Dr. Girish Karnad. Gururao Bapat, a native of Sagar, who was teaching at a college in Shivamogga, directed the play. T.V. Hegde, also a lecturer, composed music for the play. One of the songs for the play was rendered by Shivamogga Subbanna, who later won the national award for playback singing. Moved by the success of the play, *Hayavadana*, the artists designed a logo, that relates to the play's theme, for the team.

The team invited Jayatirtha Joshi to direct a Kannada adaptation of the Hindi play *Andha Yug* written by Dharamvir Bharati. "The play became a super-hit. The troupe had to hold multiple shows in a day to meet the demand. In those days, the troupe would give only one ticket to a person. Hence, everybody had to stand in the queue to get tickets," said S.C. Gowrishankar, a retired professor of English, and also an active member of Abhinaya.

Kantesh Murthy, A.S. Krishnamurthy, B.M. Kumaraswamy, Venkatesh Mudaliar, Shivamogga Venkatesh and many others were founders of the team. In the later years, N.K. Halesh, who was teaching at Sahyadri College, S.C. Gowrishankar, who translated plays of Shakespeare, and others joined the team. The artists, though they had no formal training in theatre production from any school, were open to picking up skills and improving their performances. They invited trained artists and directors to guide them. "As we were making productions, Chidambara Rao Jambe from Sagar had just come out of the National School of Drama. Gururao Bapat brought him to direct us plays. He directed *Tamra Patra* and *Dr. Siddaraju*." In the early years, the groups faced difficulty finding female artists. However, gradually, members of the Abhinaya team motivated their family members to get involved.

Ondu Kanoonathmaka Kole (One legal murder), a play staged by Hongirana group in Shivamogga.

Crowd funding

In order to mobilise funds for theatre productions, the troupe raised contributions from theatre-lovers. A.S. Krishnamurthy, an active member of Abhinaya, in a recent programme, said that ₹10 was collected from a patron. "The patrons were assured of four or five plays in a year. They would get free entry to the shows. With this, we received a considerable amount at one-go and that helped us procure lights and other materials required to enhance the production," he said. The number of patrons increased to 2,750 at one point.

The team invited S. Malathi, a well-known theatre personality from Sagar, to conduct a workshop for them. She directed *Bheema Kathanaka*, as part of the workshop. Similarly, they invited Ashok Badaradinni to direct a play for them. N.R. Masur, who led a team of Udaya Kalavidaru in Sagar, also directed plays by Sri Ranga for Abhinaya. Gowrishankar, a professor of English, directed many Shakespearean plays. "Instead of relying on other translations of Shakespearean plays, I took on the task of translating them on my own," said Gowrishankar. " The idea was to attract students to the theatre. Many of the plays chosen for production were part of the syllabus."

Many more teams

Meanwhile a few more troupes of amateur artists took birth in the city. They included Kala Jyothi and Kalakirana. Kala Jyothi concentrated on children's theatre. Some of the artists were trained at workshops conducted by Neenasam at Heggodu, set up by K.V. Subbanna.

In the later years, many more like Sahyadri Rangataranga, Ranga Prayoga, Geleyara Balaga, Chiguru, Nam Team, Srushti, Sutradhara, Hongirana, Ranga Belaku, Belaku, Samanvaya, Nam Halli Theatre and Thorana became active.

Sahyadri Ranga Taranga, which was started in 1986, has been active even now. Recently, they staged *Direct Action*, a play by Dr. Nataraj Huliyar on the life and struggles of Prof. M.D. Nanjundaswamy, leader of Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha. Earlier, the same play was staged by the Bengaluru-based Nagna Theatre. Sahyadri Ranga Taranga of Shivamogga chose the same script for production. Kantesh Kadaramandalagi directed the play. Ranga Prayoga, which was launched in 1987, brought Kuvempu's plays to the stage. It introduced many talents to theatre through its activities, including Rangashataka, in which the team staged 100 children's plays in a year. Journalists, who were interested in theatre too, started Nam Team, and their first play was *Suryana Kudure*, based on a short story by Dr. U.R. Ananthamurthy. Similarly, many government employees, including teachers, formed their group Hongirana.

Building a space

The absence of well-built theatre spaces was a hindrance for the theatre groups for many years. They made use of the Karnataka Sangha auditorium and DVS Rangamandira. "Most of the time, it was difficult to arrange chairs for the audience. Hence, we decided to spread cotton carpets," recalled B.M. Kumaraswamy, a retired professor and active participant in Abhinaya productions. With the construction of Kuvempu Rangamandira in 1994, many of the problems of the theatre groups were resolved. " The construction had been stalled due to a lack of funds. When S.M. Jaamdar was DC in Shivamogga, he took the initiative to complete the project. Kannada matinee idol Raj Kumar was invited to a programme meant to raise funds for the project. The actor entertained the audience without taking any remuneration," said Honnali Chandrashekhar, one of the founders of Nam Team, a theatre group. In the year 2011, Shivamogga got a unit of Rangayana. The repertory strengthened the theatre groups with new productions and experiments. Now, the teams are facing the absence of facilities for rehearsal. They have been demanding the State government make rooms available for rehearsal at Kuvempu Ranga Mandira.

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Arrest warrant issued against Yediyurappa in POCSO case

The brother of the victim had filed a petition in the High Court seeking a direction to the CID to arrest Mr. Yediyurappa and subject him to interrogation while complaining that the investigating agency had not questioned him so far even though the FIR was registered in March. This petition is yet to come up for hearing before the High Court.

Meanwhile, the investigation agency issued notice to the former Chief Minister to appear for questioning on June 12. Mr. Yediyurappa had responded, stating that he was in New Delhi and would appear for questioning on June 17. This prompted the CID to move an application seeking an arrest warrant against the former Chief Minister, in the Fast Track Court-1 in Bengaluru. The court issued a non-bailable arrest warrant.

The CID has so far recorded 164 statements of the victim and the mother and collected voice samples of the accused. On May 26, the mother who filed the complaint died at a private hospital following breathing problems.

Plan for reservation in 'C' and 'D' group jobs

The Minister confirmed that the domicile requirement, to be treated as a "Kannadiga", will be maintained at 15 years, which was introduced in the 2019 notification.

The Industrial Employment Standing Order Act, 1946, a Central Act provides powers to States to make rules, incorporating schedules. It provides clarity on service conditions, including dismissal and termination.

The State government, in turn, makes the model standing order for clerical and non-clerical staff and industries with more than 50 workmen will have to compulsorily frame their own standing orders in conformity with the model standing order of either the State or Central government.

A senior advocate in the Karnataka High Court who deals with labour issues said that unless the changes are incorporated in the schedule that comes along the Standing Order rules and are gazetted, it cannot pass the scrutiny of law.

"Ideally, there should be a separate law making these changes. But these have to conform to the constitutional provisions."

No nod to Veena's Kuwait visit; Keralites' toll hits 23

State announces ex gratia of ₹5 lakh each for those killed in fire; Health Minister, authorised by Kerala govt. to lead a delegation to Kuwait, cancels her trip as MEA denies political clearance

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Kerala government on Thursday confirmed that the number of Keralites who died in the fire that ripped through a labour camp in Kuwait had risen to 23.

The government announced an ex gratia payment of ₹5 lakh each for the families of the deceased and ₹1 lakh for the next of kin of those who suffered burns and fall injuries in the disaster.

Huge loss: Kerala Health Minister Veena George consoles mother of Akash Sasidharan Nair, one of the victims of Kuwait fire. LEJU KAMAL

More compensation

The government decided to expedite the process to bring back the bodies of the victims.

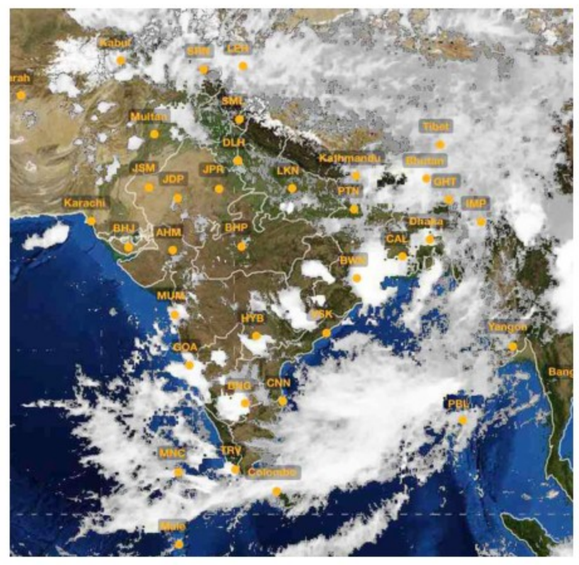
The State Cabinet announced that prominent businesspersons from Kerala M.A. Yusuff Ali and Ravi Pillai had informed Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan that they would donate ₹5 lakh and ₹2 lakh each respectively to the families of the deceased in addition to the government's aid, increasing the total compensation to ₹12 lakh. The businesspersons would channel their payments to the bereaved families via the Department of Non-Resident Keralite's Affairs.

State Health Minister Veena George, who was authorised by the Kerala Cabinet to lead a delegation to Kuwait, had to call off her visit as she was denied political clearance by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

Talking to reporters at the Cochin International Airport, Ms. George said that the Centre's decision in the face of death, tragedy and tears faced by the Malayali community was "wrong and most unfortunate." She was accompanied by State Mission Director Jeevan Babu. They left the airport shortly thereafter.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim and Odisha. Heat/severe heat wave conditions likely in many/some/isolated parts over Punjab, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	2	33.8	26.6	Kozhikode	0.8	32.2	26.0
Ahmedabad	—	41.5	29.2	Kurnool	15	32.4	23.4
Aizawl	4	29.5	23.8	Lucknow	—	44.7	20.0
Allahabad	—	46.4	31.8	Madurai	—	38.2	25.6
Bengaluru	3.8	29.6	21.2	Mangaluru	3.6	29.5	22.9
Bhopal	—	37.0	24.6	Mumbai	—	33.9	27.3
Bhubaneswar	—	40.2	28.5	Mysuru	—	30.0	—
Chandigarh	—	45.6	29.7	New Delhi	—	44.8	29.4
Chennai	29	35.0	24.5	Patna	—	41.8	31.3
Coimbatore	—	33.4	23.7	Port Blair	3	30.0	26.6
Dehradun	—	42.4	26.0	Puducherry	—	36.2	27.6
Gangtok	37	20.5	17.9	Pune	3.5	33.4	25.7
Goa	64	27.0	25.0	Raipur	—	41.2	30.2
Guwahati	1	31.0	25.6	Ranchi	—	41.0	27.8
Hubballi	—	29.0	23.0	Shillong	29	20.5	17.2
Hyderabad	—	33.7	23.7	Shimla	—	34.5	24.4
Imphal	—	30.1	19.1	Srinagar	—	25.5	14.0
Jaipur	—	41.6	31.1	Thiruvananthapuram	1	32.3	26.0
Kochi	6	31.4	25.6	Tiruchi	—	38.2	25.6
Kohima	12	26.6	18.1	Vijayawada	—	38.8	28.2
Kolkata	—	36.9	27.9	Visakhapatnam	—	31.7	28.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.20	..69	.22	...125	...131	
Bengaluru	.11	..24	.23	20	77	
Chennai	...5	8	117	47	40	
Delhi	.19	133	.63	...325	...288	
Hyderabad	.30	..27	.43	59	70	
Kolkata	.32	..34	.25	29	55	
Lucknow	.11	..67	.46	...230	...176	
Mumbai	...9	..39	.35	24	90	
Pune	..—	..45	102	33	43	
Visakhapatnam	...9	..67	.44	62	...125	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Charkhi Dadri, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 278 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Madikeri, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 18

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

SCERT uses previous year's foreword thanking KCR, BRS leaders in new textbooks

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

In an embarrassment to the Congress government in Telangana, the State Council for Educational Research and Training (SCERT) used the previous year's foreword in the Telugu textbooks printed this year, with the names of former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao and former Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Ministers.

The foreword thanked "Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao" and Education Ministers in the previous BRS government G. Jagadish Reddy, Kadiyam Srihari, and Sabitha Indra Reddy apart from the officials heading the Education Department during the BRS government.

It had the names of Rajiv Ranjan Acharya, Chiranjeevulu and Jagadeeshwar, who had been Principal Secretary and Commissioners of School Education respectively in the department.

In fact, all these officers also retired.

Dates not changed

The foreword thanked Mr. Rao for his guidance and advice, as well as the Ministers and officials. It was copied from the previous edition and used for this year's books.

The date of the foreword – December 5, 2022 – too wasn't changed.

The fiasco came to light when Ministers distributed the books to students as schools reopened. Officials then asked the school teachers to tear off the page containing the foreword before distributing it to students. The negligence of the SCERT was clear in the episode.

Meanwhile, officials have called for a meeting on Friday and a decision will be taken on reprinting the books or printing a new foreword and pasting it on the lakhs of books printed so far.

Kerala govt. honours Malayalam actors who shone at Cannes

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Kerala government has felicitated Malayalam movie artistes for their achievements at the recent Cannes film festival.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan honoured actors Kani Kusruti, Divya Prabha, Hridhu Haroon, and Azees Nedumangad who were part of the cast of *All We Imagine as Light* that won the Grand Prix award at Cannes. The film, directed by Payal Kapadia, won the second biggest award after the Palme d'Or at the international festival.

The Chief Minister also congratulated other artistes who gave a boost to Indian cinema at Cannes,

Felicitation ceremony: Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan with the actors of the film *All We Imagine as Light* in Thiruvananthapuram.

and expressed hope that they reached greater heights in their artistic journey. Minister for Culture Saji Cherian presided.

Kerala State Film Development Corporation chairman Shaji N. Karun whose *Swaham* was part of Cannes competition 30 years ago was present on the occasion.

Kerala Police to look into charge against ex-IPS officer

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Kerala High Court on Thursday directed the police to consider a complaint seeking to file an FIR against retired IPS officer Siby Mathews for revealing the identity of the survivor in the 1996 Suriyanelli rape case in his book *Nirbhayam*.

The court directed the Station House Officer, Mannanthala police station, Thiruvananthapuram, to proceed on the complaint within seven days while setting aside the decision of the District Police Chief not to take any action on the complaint.

EDUCATION HUB

A Business Initiative

Alliance University celebrated the World Environment Day, 2024

The Department of Student Support Services and the NSS Club of Alliance University celebrated the World Environment Day, 2024 by organizing a Plantation drive at Government High School, Indalwadipur and NGO, Arin Foundation, and a Cleanliness drive at Guddanahalli Lake, Anekal, Bangalore, Karnataka. This was in collaboration with Anekal, local communities and the Panchayat office of Anekal. This initiative was aimed to raise awareness among students and society about the importance of a green and clean environment and ecosystem preservation. 50 plant saplings were planted at the school and the office of the NGO, followed by a cleanup drive at Guddanahalli Lake. This collaborative effort was an enriching experience, fostering connections with responsible local communities and contributing to a noble cause. This initiative aligns with the University's ongoing efforts towards Sustainable Development Goals, specifically SDG 13 (Climate Action), SDG 15 (Life on Land), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for Goals).

Christ (Deemed to be university) Bannerghatta road Campus in Bengaluru entered into an academic collaboration with Centre for the Study of Developing Societies(CSDS), New Delhi

The Department of International Studies, Political Science and History at Christ (Deemed to be university) Bannerghatta road Campus in Bangalore has entered into an academic collaboration with Centre for the Study of Developing Societies(CSDS), New Delhi, which is a pioneer research institute that deals with election survey in India. The BA Political Science program offers election study as one of the important area of study, where CSDS will teach the students regarding election survey. Dr.Venkatanarayanan S, Head of the Department emphasized that this BA Political Science program is very unique as it tries to deal with all contemporary issues like caste, religion, public policy, geopolitics, elections etc. Studying about Indian elections will open up various opportunities to work with political parties and research.

'Zeitgeist', a design festival event organised by Presidency University

Presidency University, Bengaluru successfully hosted its landmark event 'Zeitgeist' ,a design festival that drew 900 participants, including innovative thinkers, industry leaders, design enthusiasts and students. The future of design is extremely bright as was evident from the participation and showcase of talent during this two-day festival. 'Zeitgeist' served as a vibrant platform for fostering inspiration, and collaboration and equipping participants with the knowledge and skills to shape the future of design. Participants embarked on a 18-hour journey of brainstorming, prototyping, and pitching their ideas. This fast-paced challenge fostered creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills, allowing students to turn concepts into tangible solutions. The School of Design at Presidency University under the able leadership of Director Bhaskar Mitra, has been gaining a lot of attention in the recent years as students now want to pursue a career in designing which offers them multiple employment opportunities in industries like films, gaming ,fashion, advertising, interior designing, photography, architecture, furniture and accessory designing to name a few.

Inauguration of International book launch at The Regency Public School

The Regency Public School, Vidyaranyapura Bengaluru were pleased to announce that author Y Jayasimha Saketh, a 4th Standard student has written a book titled " How to change a life better : 30 Moral Lessons for a Successful Life". The book has been translated into various regional languages and five International languages. This English version book was inaugurated on his birthday. The event was graced by Institutions Secretary, Ms Navaneetha honorable Principal, Ms ram karthik and others.

Inauguration of Micro-Endodontics Section at Rajarajeswari Dental College & Hospital, Bengaluru

Rajarajeswari Dental College & Hospital at Bangalore-Mysore highway is always in News for good reasons. They bagged 60 University Ranks in the last Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences BDS/MDS examination, including the First Rank Gold Medal for the second time. One of the best and equipped with latest equipments among dental institutions in Karnataka, RRDC & Hospital adds one more feather in their hat by starting the first ever "Micro-Endodontics Section at their Conservative and Endodontics Department. The section was inaugurated by Dr. Riyaz Basha. S, MD, Registrar (Evaluation), Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, in the presence of Dr. A.C. Shanmugam, the founder CM of Rajarajeswari Group of Institutions. Endodontics is the most sought-after specialty in Dentistry today. It deals with saving of deeply decayed teeth otherwise condemned for removal through Root canal treatment. This facility as a separate section consisting of six microscopes is not available in any other dental institutions in our state. A separate section to train Post graduates preclinically in Micro-Endodontics is also established, so that many who are interested in these advanced science can undergo training. Dr. Vijayanand, The Executive Director, Founder Dean Dr. N Edwin Devadoss, Principal Dr. Girish. H C, HOD Dr. Vinaychandra were also present during the inauguration.

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Notice for downloading the e-Admit card & Details of Facilitation Counter

Pursuant to Advt. No. 02/2024 and Notification No.2462, dated.03.05.2024 for the Recruitment of Principals and Teachers for **OMAVs, (Advt. No. 02/2024) the CBT examination** is scheduled to be held on **29.06.2024**.

The link for downloading e-Admit card is available in the OAVS website. It is to inform that the e-Admit card is self - generated. The e-Admit card is generated based on the data provided by the candidate. Therefore, no signature of the undersigned is required for it.

In order to facilitate the candidates who were unable to download the e-Admit card, Facilitation Counters shall be opened on **28.06.2024 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. The details of Facilitation Counters will be available in the OAVS website. It is requested to all concerned to visit the website regularly.

-Sd-
State Project Director

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FORM NO. 53 [See Rule 113]
IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BANGALORE
Original Jurisdiction
In the Matter of the Companies Act, 1956
In the matter of M/s. Jaansi Sampark Consultancy Private Limited
Company Petition No. 47 / 2015
BETWEEN:
Mr. TAM TAM PEDDA GURUVA REDDY
Son of Late Mr. Pedda Guruva Reddy,
Residing at No. 1427, 18th Main,
2nd Cross, J. P. Nagar,
Bengaluru – 560 078. : Petitioner
AND:
M/s. Jaansi Sampark Consultancy Private Limited
Having its registered office at:
No. 187, BEML Layout, Basaveshwaranagar,
Bengaluru – 560 079.
Represented by its director,
Smt. N. Jayalakshmi : Respondent
Notice of Winding-up Order
By an order made by the High Court of Karnataka, at Bengaluru, in the above matter, dated the 3rd day of June 2024, it was ordered that the above-named company be wound-up under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956.
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Dated: 12.06.2024

In the middle of a row: A view of the hillock on which the Parashurama Theme Park is situated at Bailoor in Karkala taluk of Udupi district. The park was inaugurated by the then Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai in January 2023. H.S. MANJUNATH

Politics and livelihood issues around a 'half statue'

The Parashurama Theme Park project, which involved the installation of a 33-ft-tall statue of Parashurama, at Bailoor in Karkala taluk is mired in controversy with allegations and counter-allegations between political parties. Meanwhile, local people who were hoping for a tourism boom are a disappointed lot, finds **Shreyas H.S.**

A strange sight greets anyone who enters Bailoor, a small town in Karkala taluk of Udupi district in coastal Karnataka: a statue on a hillock with no torso. This is a portion of what was meant to be an impressive statue of Parashurama, an avatar of Vishnu in the Hindu pantheon whom the devout believe carved out the western coast with his axe. On getting closer, one realises that what was meant to be a theme park around this statue and a great tourism draw is also in disarray.

The "half statue" that has been standing at the centre of the village for over eight months now is witness to much political slugfest and hopes of better livelihood of locals being dashed.

A 33-year-old woman who sells meat (who did not wish to be named) said her business had improved significantly after the theme park was inaugurated in January 2023, as several hotels started banking on improved tourism. But about nine months later, the situation changed drastically, forcing business establishments to shut down one by one. This was thanks to politics that started brewing around the statue.

"Everyone here was jumping with joy for Karkala was finally having a major tourism spot attracting many visitors. This led to the mushrooming of shops, hotels, and eateries in the vicinity, thus creating jobs for locals. My business shot up as new restaurants started buying fish and meat and they too had good business," she says.

> We do not know when this project will restart, and people are not showing interest in re-establishing their businesses. The aspiration that locals will secure jobs because of tourism has also taken a hit.
>
> **SUNIL WAGLE,** a local resident

Locals estimate that more than 1,000 people were visiting the park, which had a 33-foot bronze statue of Parashurama, every day. The statue was standing atop a 450-foot-tall rock. People from many parts of the State used to visit the place which also has an amphitheatre with a seating capacity of 1,000, a bhajan mandir, an art gallery, and a film studio.

In October 2023, however, the park was closed to the public and it has not opened since then, forcing the shopkeepers to leave the place.

Sunil Wagle, another local resident who had set up a restaurant near the park, said his hopes were high after the commencement of work on the park in 2022. He invested a good amount of money, and when the park opened, many people started visiting his restaurant for refreshments and to purchase water bottles and cold drinks.

Wagle said not just him, a few others also set up businesses. Several others had purchased land hoping that the prices would shoot up.

The wait continues: Only the lower portion of the Parashurama statue stands now as the top half has been dismantled for reinforcement. H.S. MANJUNATH

He is very upset with politicians for derailing what held promise for many. "Now we do not know when this project will restart, and people are not showing interest in re-establishing their businesses. The aspiration that locals will secure jobs because of tourism has also taken a hit."

Before the project, an acre of land around the town would cost about ₹18 lakh to ₹20 lakh and many people purchased the land. The opening of the park, by the then Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, drove the land price up. The price of roadside parcels of land near the park increased to ₹50 lakh an acre. While some purchased for investment, a few built buildings to lease out or rent. "But the park was closed to repair the statue and the price crashed. Hotel owners and shopkeepers vacating the space also left a deep impact on the business prospects," said Ramesh Kallotte, a daily wage labourer. During weekends, a lot of people used to visit the place and business was good, he said.

Design flaw, statue politics

Warnings of some trouble were there even as the park was inaugurated in January 2023. The event was attended by BJP as well as Congress leaders. During the inauguration, the then Minister and BJP MLA for Karkala Sunil Kumar announced that although the park was opened, the statue needed a "fix" as the hand that was holding the axe did not have proper support and could break due to strong wind or lightning. The modification for the statue proposed was reinforcing the hand and joining a portion of it to the back of the head.

It is anyone's guess why the statue was inaugurated in such a hurry without first fixing the faulty work. The Legislative Assembly elections were months away and the then BJP government wanted to take credit for the project.

For about nine months nothing happened, but in October 2023, the chairman of the government agency Nirmiti Kendra – the Deputy Commissioner of Udupi district – permitted the contract agency Krish Art World to repair the statue. The agency had sought permission for reinforcement work by dismantling the upper half portion of the statue. The park was closed to visitors as the work commenced.

What snowballed into a controversy was a piece of fibre that fell while the statue was being dismantled. Several local Congress leaders alleged that the statue was made of fibre and not bronze as was being claimed. Sunil Kumar, however, contended that "fibre patches" were used only to attach the pieces of bronze and that this was a standard practice. He said this was countered not just by him but also by officials of the Nirmiti Kendra. There was a problem with the statue but the public was not kept in the dark about it, he said. He alleged that to score a political point, the Congress had set this narrative and had sought an investigation. "I welcome the probe as I do not have anything to hide. Every procedure was followed during the implementation of the project," he said.

Sunil Kumar said the Congress was alleging that the BJP had let down a religious space. This, however, is not a religious space but a theme park, a tourism spot, he said.

Meanwhile, as the location is prone to extreme weather conditions, including lightning strikes, the contractor requested the Nirmiti Kendra for scientific reinforcement. After the kendra granted permission to dismantle the statue for reinforcement, the contractor removed the upper half of the structure.

But the kendra on December 21, 2023, served a show-cause notice to the company for non-completion of work. The company filed a writ petition in the High Court of Karnataka on April 10, 2024, seeking protection at the site citing a threat. In the petition, it was argued that they could not complete the work as there were extreme weather issues. The High Court disposed of the petition on April 22 as the Nirmiti Kendra and the company came to an agreement. The Nirmiti Kendra agreed to provide security, while the company said it would resume work.

The work could not be started then as the model code of conduct for the Lok Sabha elections was in place, and subsequently, in May, the Siddaramaiah-led Congress government ordered a probe into allegations of irregularities.

Corruption allegations

Congress leader Muniyal Uday Kumar, while admitting that it is a good project for the town, alleged that Sunil Kumar was instrumental in the failure of the project. He said while the lower portion of the statue was made of bronze, the upper portion was made using fibre "to swindle money" that was released to build the statue.

He said the total cost of the statue was ₹2.4 crore but the government paid just ₹1 crore to the contractor. The contractor, therefore, executed substandard work, he alleged. Even in the theme park project, which has other infrastructure, there are irregularities and hence the government ordered a probe by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID). He said the BJP, which claims to be a pro-Hindutva party, has turned this religious space into a mess.

He said though action should have been taken against the wrongdoing by now, it did not happen as at the top level both the Congress and the BJP had "an unwritten understanding".

He said for the inaugural event, the previous BJP government had spent a whopping ₹2 crore. The MLA wished to make this a major political event to galvanise voters, he claimed.

What local people want

But all that the locals now want is the completion of the project as this would become the "pride of Karkala". Lokesh (name changed) said the project is suffering due to politics between the two major parties.

Lokesh, who runs a small business in Karkala, said when the roads were asphalted and the park was inaugurated, the people rejoiced. "There is not a single statue of this scale of Parashurama, who we believe created the land of coastal Karnataka. This spot would have attracted lakhs of people if the project was completed as envisaged. As this location is close to the highway, many people would visit," he said.

People hope that the CID probe is completed soon and the statue as well as their hopes of a better livelihood takes shape again.

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Raghu Dixit's upcoming album, *Shakkar*, is a journey of hope, healing, and collaboration

Sweet notes

Raghu Dixit's recent music video, 'Shakkarpari,' is a sugary delight for the eyes. It captures the heart-warming message of his upcoming album, *Shakkar*. Released in four languages, the video transcends mere translation of sounds to visuals, transporting its viewers to a simpler time and place reminiscent of RK Narayan's idyllic Malgudi.

Bathed in the warm glow of a South Indian afternoon, the video unfolds in a quaint Karnataka town. We meet a kind-hearted schoolgirl, her eyes brimming with empathy as she witnesses her classmate's dejection after a punishment for tardiness. A late arrival caused by morning chores. Determined to melt away his sadness, the girl hatches a plan, sweet as the song's title: to save money to get him a peanut-jaggery candy bar.

Raghu is also the video's director and screenwriter. The kind-hearted schoolgirl in 'Shakkarpari' becomes a charming reflection of himself. This connection is particularly poignant when considering Raghu's actions during the pandemic. He was battling his own mental issues. "I didn't feel like continuing. Every night, I'd go to bed hoping I wouldn't wake up," he says. With a friend, he set up a mental health helpline for people to process their COVID-19 grief.

In the video, the peanut-jaggery candy bar costs a mere ₹65. For the little girl, however, it represents a treasure of saved coins and a sacrifice made with love. Similarly, Raghu's efforts during the pandemic, undoubtedly brought light to those struggling with mental health battles, himself included.

One of his primary motivations for making an album after a decade is to say that even the smallest of gestures, fuelled by genuine kindness, can have a profound impact.

From frustration to flow

In the midst of a creative rut, a glimmer of inspiration arrived in the form of John Paul, a Kolkata-based musician. John's relentless pursuit, sending Raghu demo after demo via WhatsApp, initially annoyed him. "Dude, how much validation do you need?" he asked. However, John did not seek validation; he just wanted to work with Raghu.

Surprised, he called John to his studio and that spontaneous act sparked a period of intense creativity. "We came out with over 45 tunes!" says Raghu who describes the experience as more than just a spark of inspiration: "Working with John did more than just spark creativity; it slowly lifted me out of that dark place. It showed me how much music I still had in me."

Since this would be his first album in 10 years, he wanted it to be special. One of *Shakkar's* USPs is that its songs are available in four languages: Kannada, Hindi, Tamil, and Telugu. Bringing four variations for each track added another three years to the process.

Creative symphony

Another USP of the album is the sheer number of collaborations involved in its creation. *Shakkar* started with John. Then, during the song-writing stage, his long-time friend and leading Hindi lyricist Neeraj Rajawat Singh came on board.

Raghu sought collaborators who could not only translate his ideas but also share his vision. From Kannada lyricist Kiran Kaverappa and Tamil lyricist Madan Karky to Telugu writer Kittu Vissapragada, each collaboration brought a unique spark.

Raghu did not stop there. He says he "chased down some incredible musicians from around the world," including Bela Fleck, Michael League and Casey Driessen among others.

He adds, "Ten years ago, my reasons for making music might have been more superficial - fame, fortune, and the spotlight. Now, my mission is to reach out to people struggling like I once did. If my music can offer them a lifeline, a thread of hope to hold onto, that's incredibly fulfilling."

Straight from the heart Raghu Dixit and collaborating artistes, (above) a still from *Shakkarpari*. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Hong Kong high tea

Enjoy purple yam dumplings and wonton noodle bowls at Cha, a tea house-style restaurant

Right bite The dishes at Cha are a visual delight. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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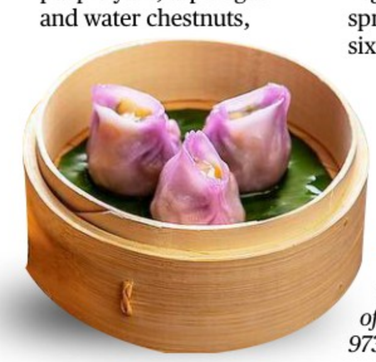
Cha Hong Kong Eating House, located in Hebbal, in Phoenix Mall of Asia, aims to bring the cuisine and culture of Hong Kong style tea houses to Bengaluru.

Being located inside the mall gives Cha the high energy atmosphere of a tea house. High chairs, oriental instrumental music and quick service add to the ambience. As soon as we sit down, the server pours green tea into small ceramic cups. Diners are served unlimited refills of the tea, which is great to wash down the dishes with, and also works as a palate cleanser.

We try a variety of dumplings: truffle and purple yam, asparagus and water chestnuts, crystal dumplings, chicken and coriander, and bok choy wrapped chicken. The clean flavours and the different types of fillings are delicious.



Cha also has a small eats section, from where I order the turnip cake - tasty cube-shaped cutlets made of radish and flour that are crisp on the outside and soft on the inside with fried garlic on top, which adds a depth of flavour.

I pair my dim sum with a Zen garden cocktail, a blend of sake, soju, passion fruit puree, and pomelo with a base of Hibiscus and mint tea. It complements the turnip cakes excellently.

Mains at Cha have a lot of staple Asian options. But what stands out for me are the wonton noodle bowls, with broth, green veggies, moong beans sprouts and about five or six fried wontons.

To end the meal there are Indo-Chinese dessert options such as Darsaan with ice cream and deep fried ice cream.

Meal for two costs ₹2,000. At Phoenix Mall of Asia. For details, call 9739581752

Love for the middle-class hero

Kannada star Dhananjaya talks about 'Kotee', what impressed him about the script by director Param and the crucial phases of his 11-year career

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Dhananjaya, fondly called Daali due to the popularity of his manic character in the 2018 blockbuster *Tagaru,* has completed 11 years in Kannada cinema. He is awaiting the release of his upcoming film *Kotee,* directed by Param.

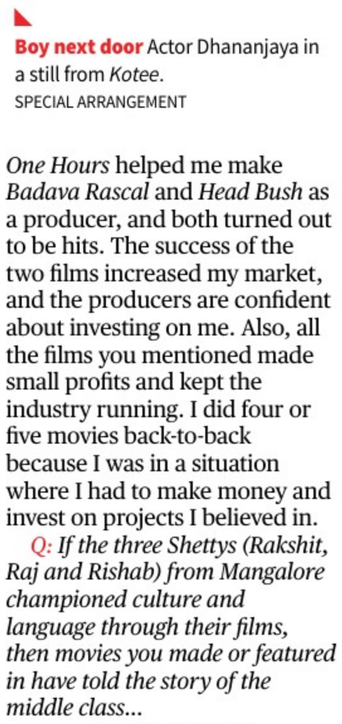
The actor speaks to *The Hindu* about the movie and his journey that saw him struggle to establish himself as an actor, before becoming a successful star and producer.

Q: The general election and the Indian Premiere League (IPL) challenged the film industry. Now that both are over, do you think Kotee *will bring audiences in?*
A: The IPL indeed keeps people occupied, and that impacts movies. We have struggled to draw people to theatres in the last six months. I feel the likes of *Shakhahaari and Blink* should have received more love than they did when they were in cinemas. People are now talking more about them after they came online. There is still no one concrete solution to the problem of empty theatres. Good movies succeed more often than not, and we hope the same for *Kotee.*

Q: Going by the trailer, Kotee *seems to be a thriller involving a common man. Will the film balance the thriller elements with social drama?*
A: *Kotee* is not a regular thriller. I can assure you is that it is a good and relatable film about a middle-class man. The film will keep you engrossed as it has a fresh story. I loved Parameshwar Gundkal's writing. When I was reading the script, it felt like I was reading a small novel.

Q: You have your fans and the OTT-exposed audience. Also, you love to experiment. Amid this, as a young star, what are you aspiring to be?
A: I am enjoying my versatility. There was an expectation from my fans to play a character like Daali from *Tagaru* in every film. I am trying to break that image. When I read the script of *Rathnan Prapancha*, I knew those who loved my short film, *Jayanagar 4th Block,* would like this movie. They are a set of people who love to watch family dramas. On the first day of the shoot for *Rathnan Prapancha,* my fans were shocked to see me in formal attire riding a motorcycle. They felt this image makeover wasn't ideal for my career. As an actor, you can cater to the same audience or impress a wide range of people. I chose the latter path.

Q: After hits such as Rathnan Prapancha *and* Badava Rascal, *you starred in* Twenty One Hours, Bairagee, Monsoon Raaga *and* Once Upon A Time In Jamaligudda. *None of those films made a mark. Did they break the momentum of your career?*
A: During the pandemic, when the film industry shut, I was one of the few actors working. After the first wave of the pandemic, till April 2022, I worked non-stop, day and night. The money I received by playing a villain in *Bairagee* or a supporting character in *Twenty One Hours* helped me make *Badava Rascal* and *Head Bush* as a producer, and both turned out to be hits. The success of the two films increased my market, and the producers are confident about investing on me. Also, all the films you mentioned made small profits and kept the industry running. I did four or five movies back-to-back because I was in a situation where I had to make money and invest on projects I believed in.



Boy next door Actor Dhananjaya in a still from *Kotee*. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Q: If the three Shettys (Rakshit, Raj and Rishab) from Mangalore championed culture and language through their films, then movies you made or featured in have told the story of the middle class...
A: Be it *Badava Rascal*, *Rathnan Prapancha*, or *Kotee*, they all tell the story of the middle class. A common man who loves his family is the hero in such films. Great actors such as Dr. Rajkumar and Anant Nag had championed this genre during their prime.

Tagaru Palya, which attempts to portray a humorous drama revolving around a ritual in a village, showcased the culture seen in and around the Mandya district.

Another such example is *Orchestra Mysuru*. The culture of the orchestra is dead in India. We have moved on to music reality shows. The movie showed the lives of orchestra singers in Mysuru who struggle to make a living out of their dying profession.

Uttarakaanda, my upcoming big-budget movie, will be shot entirely in North Karnataka, and the characters speak Kannada in the local dialect.

Carry it forward

The BJP government should continue development schemes in Odisha

Odisha's newly sworn-in Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, the first politician from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to occupy the post in the State, will also be making a new record while thwarting a long-standing one. His predecessor, Naveen Patnaik of the Biju Janata Dal, was the Chief Minister for 24 years and 99 days - the second longest tenure for any one in India, after Pawan Kumar Chamling who served 66 days longer in Sikkim. Mr. Majhi is from the Santali tribe and his ascension shows the assiduousness with which the BJP has sought to win the support of the tribal communities in central and east India – also reflected in its endorsement of President Droupadi Murmu when she stood as a candidate. Mr. Majhi has rich experience as a legislator and a political organiser, having begun his political journey as an administrator. He was a village *sarpanch* in the late 1990s. His ascension marks a breakthrough for the BJP, which successfully projected the image of the BJD being rudderless without Mr. Patnaik as well as his dependence on the bureaucracy having steadily eroded the BJD of its second-rung of leadership. As the Achilles heel of the BJD too, this bureaucratic over-dependence was used to not only provide governance and implement policies endorsed by Mr. Patnaik, but also in political outreach. The BJP has steadfastly grown as the alternative to the BJD with the decline of the Congress.

Mr. Majhi's swearing-in ceremony also marked a return to a degree of political bonhomie with the BJD after a bitter and personal campaign targeting Mr. Patnaik's lieutenant, V.K. Pandian, for his Tamil roots. The optics were encouraging and the BJP should focus on bringing continuity to some of the BJD's initiatives in the State that have allowed for faster GDP growth, better delivery of services and welfare measures in the rural areas, and better diversification of an economy that is dependent on agriculture. Yet, for all its successes in reducing poverty and diversifying its economy, Odisha still remains among the poorest States in the country, with an estimated 11.07% of its population below the Multidimensional Poverty Index in 2023, according to NITI-Aayog and only six major States having higher numbers. Mr. Majhi and his colleagues have their task cut out. Odisha rewarded Mr. Patnaik with a long tenure not just for governance but also for bringing peace to a State that has seen communal riots in its tribal regions at a time when his party was in alliance with the BJP. The BJP should not interpret this mandate as one that endorses its ideology of Hindutva and return to those days of communal disharmony. Instead, it must focus on continuing the developmental work in Odisha.

Singular focus

Science is now too vast to be administered by one Minister

The portfolios of many of the newly sworn-in Ministers of the 18th Lok Sabha signal no significant changes from what they held in the previous regime. The Bharatiya Janata Party continues to retain the 'major' portfolios, from Home to Telecommunications, with the rest distributed among its coalition allies. The 18th Lok Sabha also includes five Ministers of State with independent charge. One of them is Jitendra Singh, whose portfolio spans the Departments of Space (DoS) and Atomic Energy (DAE), the Ministries of Earth Sciences (MoES), Science and Technology (MST), and Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions. Each of these ministries or departments by itself is a handful these days. The DoS is grappling with the entry of private sector players in the national space programme as well as managing the development of the maiden human spaceflight mission and new launch vehicles. The MoES is involved in missions to explore the seabed for mineral resources – an enterprise just beginning to feature in multilateral fora – as well as climate adaptation and mitigation. The MST oversees India's three foremost research departments at a time when the world is haring to test artificial intelligence, build quantum computers, develop and deploy multi-omics approaches in sectors from agriculture to medicine, and invent advanced energy storage solutions. The DAE has announced plans to rapidly advance nuclear power, which includes starting phase two of its reactors programme and commissioning one facility every year. Just the sheer amount of technical divergence in the offing here, and their evolving interactions with society at large, merits more than a shared Minister of State.

The fields these bodies oversee also suffer many persistent problems. To pick a few: the timelines of fellowship and grant disbursals for young researchers are often farcical; facilities that can support interdisciplinary research are largely localised and inimical to collaboration; cutting-edge research is hamstrung by vacillating regulations; intellectual property rights protection is less than airtight, and translational research is bare and restricted to some sectors. Importantly, the gross domestic expenditure on research and development as a fraction of GDP has been declining since 2008-09. While demands for more money should be preceded by capacity building that can productively absorb these funds, the growth of that capacity has been in fits and starts. Among other things, India sorely needs a separate Minister, ideally of Cabinet rank, for each of its major nodal research bodies to escape their long-standing rut, and have their needs met and problems solved in meaningful fashion during the bumpy rule of a coalition government.

The message in the RSS chief's speech

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Is the much talked about strategic and statesman-like address made by Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat akin to the recent example of a juvenile justice board in Pune asking a minor offender to write a 300-word essay on road accidents as a part of his bail conditions? But in this case, who is meant to write the essay?

In a brilliant speech (not the first brilliant speech that the RSS chief has made), Mr. Bhagwat has virtually laid out a road map for the new (old) government and prescribed a model code of conduct, something that people expected the Election Commission of India (ECI) to enforce during the 2024 general election. The similarity between the two lies in what remains unsaid. The ECI put the party on notice; the RSS supremo delivered a sermon to 'whomsoever it may concern'. Mr. Bhagwat's message is loud and clear whereas the ECI's was muted and manicured. Both messages have the potential to hit the target without exposing it.

The ECI examined complaints made to it, asked the political parties concerned for an explanation and then issued a mild reprimand – either convinced by the merit in the complaint or because it was convulsed by adverse public opinion and wanted to salvage its position. The bitterness in its pill was hidden in a multi-layered coat of saccharine. It could have rejected the complaints, as done in 2019, but it attempted to deliver even-handed justice that might have displeased all. In the process it risked denting its image of impartiality which it perhaps believes has been partially repaired by the efficient conduct of the 2024 general election. Possibly, it is the verdict that may have bailed it out and not just the smooth completion of the process.

Mr. Bhagwat's message, just after the verdict in the general election, is in the nature of a post mortem, needed only when an 'unnatural' cause leads to a mishap. Hence, the admission of a 'mishap' due to something 'unnatural' is implicit in his telling address. The 'mishap' could mean losing majority and the 'unnatural cause' identified by him could be the violation of decorum in the frenzy of election campaigning. For good measure he said this was done by "both sides" – by the party in power and the Opposition – thereby enlarging the scope of his reach and the onus of the breach, à la the ECI.

The key words, their import

The words that stood out in Mr. Bhagwat's speech were '*maryada*' and '*ahankar*'. He said "*Jo vaastavik sevak hai,...woh maryada se chalta hai. Uss maryada ka paalan karke jo chalta hai, woh karm karta hai lekin karmon mein lipt nahi hota. Usme ahankar nahin aata ki maine kiya* (A true worker maintains dignity and does not violate the limits set by tradition while working. He does not have the arrogance to claim credit for himself for the work done"). '*Maryada*' is an adjective associated with Lord Ram. To the best of my knowledge, Ram is the only Hindu god with whom this attribute is linked as '*maryada*' relates to the conduct of a person, and not to his thought. Lord Ram represents the right conduct according to the general perception of duty. Being god, he does what he thinks and vice-versa, and is, therefore, a true amalgam of ideal thought and action. In a mundane sense, that is what the model code of conduct is all about.

> The 'to whomsoever it may concern' sermon has virtually laid out a road map for the government and prescribed a model code of conduct

'*Ahankar*' is borne out of self-belief and is reflected in both deed and thought. It may be impossible for a person to be arrogant in action unless he is arrogant in thought. 'Style is the man' and arrogance will seep out in utterance if it exists in the mind. It is a leak that springs in a wall, creating damp spots even if the wall is strong.

The RSS's website, on a page, "Vision and Mission", uses an effective metaphor: "Great oaks from little acorns grow". Although this refers to the growth of the organisation that boasts of the number of the *shakhas* (branches) of the Sangh crossing 57,000, it equally applies to the *swayamsevaks* (volunteers) who are exhorted to be humble. No acorn should think it is the oak even if an oak is inherent in every acorn.

The dynamics of political contest

The other object lesson in Mr. Bhagwat's message is how to treat one's opponents in a contest. They are opponents only as long as they are in competition (*spardha*). Once the contest is over, they should be treated as people occupying the benches earmarked for those who did not qualify to sit on the Treasury benches. Where you sit depends on where you belong, and belonging is only circumscribed by the law of defection; not defined by commitment to an ideology. Be that as it may, together they constitute Parliament. Therefore, all opposition is subsumed in the House, where all members are honourable constituents.

Mr. Bhagwat has coined an endearing term for the Opposition – '*pratipaksh*', that is those who represent the 'other' side (*pehlu*), which is the essence of any democratic governance. An elected government is expected to treat the Opposition with the respect and the consideration that it deserves as it represents almost two-thirds of those who voted but did not choose the ruling party as it felt that it did not have the right to govern the country. No principle of democratic governance allows those in authority to ignore the will of those who favoured someone else, those who did not or could not vote, and those who do not yet have the right to vote. It is not 272 (the threshold of majority) or 294 (the tally of the BJP and allies, in early June) representatives versus 116 crore Indians. Mr. Bhagwat's plea is for inclusivity and a call for building consensus (*sahmati*), the onus of which lies on those who have the responsibility to govern the country.

India's diversity cannot be wished away

Inclusivity, however, is not about an absence of differences. India has been, is and will continue to be a land of diversity. Caste, community, creed, religion, and regions are a part of this diversity. Just as the burden of building consensus is on the ruling party, the onus of diminishing the divisions in society is on those who are in power. It will always be the responsibility of those in the majority to alleviate the apprehensions of those in the minority. Fear is a two-way transaction – those who are scared and those who cause a scare. A democratically-elected government should never support the latter and sharpen existing divisions or exploit them for narrow political gains.

Communities have survived in our society due to mutual dependence despite differences. The strength of that relationship is the recognition that not only are their customs, rituals and traditions different but that they also understand each other's culture intimately. Diverse communities have been essential components of our society and the age-old bonds of respect and tolerance have existed among them. Harmony and tension are a part of society's composite psyche. The occasional tension, which boils over like overheated milk, has subsided with the sprinkling of a few drops of water by sagacious leaders. We can do without those who try to ignite existing tinderboxes by twisting the truth and snapping the *dhaga prem ka* (the thread of love) by tampering with technology.

The final exhortation in Mr. Bhagwat's homily is that no superstructure (*shikhar*) can be built on a weak base (*buniyad*), which essentially meant that it is the strength of the foundation on which the stability of the edifice depends, and losing 20% of seats is a sign of the weakening of the base.

The ideology of social peace is still working

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In a reaction to the invitation that was extended to the President of the Indian National Congress, Mallikarjun Kharge, to the swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Uttar Pradesh Minister Yogendra Upadhyay is reported to have said: "They (the Congress) rejected [the] Ram Mandir invitation. If they do the same this time, then it will show their shallow mentality."

The comparison between the invitation to the consecration ceremony of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya on January 22, 2024 and Mr. Modi's oath-taking ceremony on June 9, 2024 shows, if anything, the same mentality that led Mr. Modi to deny, or at least doubt, while on the election trail, his own biological birth, and claim to be of divine origin.

Between an invocation and the election

Media orthodoxy has it that the fixation of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) with Lord Ram is still bringing it huge electoral and political dividends, which has convinced the BJP leadership that this indeed is an inviolable truth. Any amount of empirical evidence to the contrary is dismissed as hypothetical at best, and/or false at worst. The ascendance of the BJP, from a mere two Lok Sabha seats in 1984 to a secular rise to 303 seats in 2019 is proof enough of the link with Lord Ram at its heart. What other proof is required?

The exploitation of Lord Ram for political ambitions was unambiguous in BJP veteran L.K. Advani's famous statement in the middle of the launch of the *rath yatra*, that he was a political and not a religious leader, i.e., aiming at political, and not religious gains. In the timing of the installation of the statue of Lord Ram and the massive fanfare that accompanied it, followed by the consecration of the temple in Ayodhya on January 22 this year, it was clear that the proximity of the 2024 general election was the determinant. The link between the election and the invocation of Lord Ram, whatever the occasion, was forever highlighted rather than hidden. Yet, the failure of the link has been loud and clear on several occasions. On December 6, 1992, with the demolition of the Babri Masjid, the BJP's top leadership must have imagined that the path to electoral victory now lay clear and unhindered. Assembly elections held in some of the main States in the Hindi belt, in 1993, led in the opposite direction: the BJP lost in Uttar Pradesh to arch rival of the Samajwadi Party Mulayam Singh Yadav (and Bahujan Samaj Party) and had to wait for a decade to return home. The wave of "liberating Ram Lalla" from the precincts of the masjid was feeble. There were electoral losses in Himachal Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh too. Its government in Rajasthan survived the debacle, though with a considerably reduced majority, as Chief Minister Bhairon Singh Shekhawat had kept a distance from Mr. Advani's *rath yatra* and the resultant events of December 6. The formation of the first BJP government in 1998 was not due to the Ram Mandir movement but more the result of infighting within the various constituents of the then ruling coalition. But learning a lesson from it and keeping Lord Ram out of politics would have required a rethink of the communal perspective, which is central to the Sangh Parivar. In 2014, there had to be camouflaging of the communal agenda using the more general slogan of *vikas* (development).

> India's millennia-old civilisation has asserted itself in this general election, placing constraints on the politics of hatred

The Ayodhya result

In the 2024 general election, the defeat of the BJP in Ayodhya itself demonstrates the dysfunctional link between electoral politics and the invocation of Lord Ram. It was no ordinary defeat, for the BJP candidate lost by over 50,000 votes. The BJP's Lallu Singh was a veteran, taking on a Dalit rival, Awadhesh Prasad. And this happened after Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Sangh Parivar's investment in the construction of the Ram temple and its location in politics.

The 2024 general election result shows that the Indian voter has expressed a repugnance for the politics of hatred, of divide and rule, and the politics of the Prime Minister himself, whose electoral rhetoric this time was indecorous. Where was the grace reflected in person, behaviour and language that one saw in the speeches of Prime Ministers like Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi, and Atal Bihari Vajpayee?

Will Mr. Modi, or the BJP as a party, or the RSS learn a lesson from Lord Ram? The people of India have made their preferred choices clear. It is very unlikely to happen. After the Supreme Court of India's famous judgment of 2019 on the Babri Masjid-Ram Janmabhoomi dispute, which, among other things, had forcefully upheld the view that no temple, much less a Ram temple lay demolished under the debris of the masjid (a view advanced by several professional historians and archaeologists) and that the demolition of the masjid was a criminal act for which the guilty should be tried in a court of law, one still hears echoes of "undoing the injustice of 500 years" doing the rounds. Never mind what the historians and the Supreme Court have said.

A continuing legacy

In placing constraints on the politics of hatred, which is the hallmark of the Modi government, India's millennia-old civilisation has asserted itself. In doing so, salience is due to the civilisation of our medieval centuries that has given us the legacy of numerous saint-poets, the Bhakti *sants*, who brought calm to the strained religious divide of rival gods by conceptualising one universal god where their rivalry gets submerged. For, in the midst of considerable bloodshed on the battlefields, between political and denominational factions extending over five and a half centuries, the first genuine communal riot between common people of different faiths – of which we have recorded evidence – happened in 1714, seven years after Aurangzeb's death. Clearly, the ideology of social peace was working.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tragedy in Kuwait

A number of us leave our homeland for West Asia to seek a better livelihood. Unfortunately, there can be events that shatter our dreams. The Indian government needs to address the issues reported by Indians working abroad. For example, the Indian Embassy is said to have received over 16,000 complaints from Indians between March 2021 and December 2023, most of which concerned salary delays, harassment, and poor accommodation. It is imperative that the welfare of Indian citizens working overseas is ensured.

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While the authorities appear to have pinned the blame on 'greedy real estate developers', the factors for the tragedy go far beyond that. Workers in West Asia undergo a lot of hardships: accommodation in cramped quarters with little to no proper sanitation or safety equipment is one example. In a region (West Asia) that is known for strict law enforcement and onerous documentary requirements, ensuring compliance with building safety laws should not be a problem. The Gulf States must do more to protect the workers who build and run their smart cities with their sweat and toil.

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Mumbai

The general election

It is preposterous to compare the general election of 2024 to that of 1977 (Editorial page, "An earthquake in 2024, as it was in 1977", June 13). And for the writer to cast aspersions on the fairness of the elections is an insult to the Election Commission of India, which deserves full praise for its smooth conduct. Yes, the electorate gave its verdict and if a party has assumed power, it is only because it was able to get the requisite numbers, with or without outside support. Nobody stopped the Opposition from staking its claim to form a government. The bloc just did not have the numbers. Mud-slinging and vicious personal attacks during the campaign were equal on both sides. The Indian voter is intelligent and well informed. Let us respect his verdict and move on

Sharada Sivaram,
Ernakulam, Kerala

The subaltern classes truly deserve commendation for halting the rampaging NDA in its tracks. However, the NDA is only down and not yet out. It can still influence the functioning of the central government and its agencies to its advantage, and to the disadvantage of its adversaries. Equally important, the BJP is still flush with money from the Electoral Bond Scheme. Considering the havoc that money power has played in destabilising more than one State government in the last decade, it is still too early to conclude that the NDA government will be eager for a course correction by renouncing its old ways. One can only keep one's fingers crossed and hope for the best.

G.G. Menon,
Tripunithura, Kerala

Do coalition governments slow down the economic reforms agenda?

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PARLEY

Until the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, when the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) won 282 seats and Prime Minister Narendra Modi rode to power, India had had coalition governments for 21 years. Ten years later, the BJP has 240 seats in the Lok Sabha and India once again has a coalition government in power. Fitch had stated that coalition politics and a weakened mandate for the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) could make it challenging to pass legislation on the more ambitious parts of the reform agenda. Do coalition governments slow down the economic reforms agenda? K.K. Kailash and Sanjay Ruparelia discuss the question in a conversation moderated by Sobhana K. Nair. Edited excerpts:

Do coalition governments end up making too many policy concessions?

K.K. Kailash: This question is based on two assumptions which need to be cleared. First, that single-party governments are the natural order of things and multi-party governments are an aberration and will therefore have undesirable consequences. Comparative studies show that this is not necessarily true. Second, that a single-party government behaves as a unitary actor. Once we remove these two assumptions, we will see that differences between coalitions and single-party governments have actually reduce. There will always be competing ideas and interests and as a consequence, we are likely to see policy compromises and bargains in both. The only difference, perhaps, is that in multi-party governments, much of it (compromises) takes place in the public, so in a way they are more transparent. So far, India's experience with coalition governments has not been bad. There have been checks and balances which have helped governments work better as compared to single-party governments.

Sanjay Ruparelia: Economic growth requires reform. We often believe that reform requires decisiveness, and that decisiveness, in turn, requires a single-party majority government. But it is more complicated than that, since the form of government is just one of the many factors influencing economic growth. The process of liberalisation of the economy tentatively began under the Janata Party government and was then taken forward by the Congress under Rajiv Gandhi and the National Front government. The minority government of Narasimha Rao introduced it fully. And then it accelerated under the United Front government and since.

On the question of social policy reforms, earlier coalition governments, despite their rhetorical commitment to a more social democratic agenda, actually had quite a few setbacks. The rights-based welfare paradigm was introduced under the United Progressive Alliance (UPA). If you have to negotiate and bargain and compromise in order to settle on a policy, it is true that there can be multiple veto points that coalition partners can exercise. As Montek Singh Ahluwalia once said, "There is a strong consensus for weak reform". But the fact that parties are engaging in negotiations means that there is less radical change and there is more policy stability that facilitates investments over the longer term. The fewest checks and balances are seen under single-party majority governments. That could lead to rather unpropitious policy decisions. We have seen some of those in the last decade.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi in conversation with TDP chief N. Chandrababu Naidu and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar in New Delhi. ANI

How have coalition governments in the past performed on the economic agenda?

KKK: There has actually been a great deal of continuity between governments and their policies, and one has not seen any major reversals. Policy change has been gradual and incremental since 1991. Public bargaining between parties signals that different viewpoints are being heard and accommodated. Coalitions over a period of time have institutionalised certain decision-making mechanisms which accommodate different voices. The V.P. Singh government had six committees to examine the most pressing issues of the time. These evolved and in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government, they took the form of 'Group of Ministers', and they continued in the UPA era too.

When it comes to reforms, coalition governments have worked better. In contrast, in a single-party government, there have been decisions, such as the farm laws, which were taken without getting everyone on board. Something like that would not have probably happened in a coalition because there would have been greater dialogue.

SR: Institutions that are meant to facilitate and promote Centre-State relations are more far more technocratic space and much more beholden to the Centre. In the last decade there has been political centralisation of decision-making right up to the Prime Minister's office. There is also a greater control over social welfare benefits and their packaging as directly coming from the Union government. That is what is fueling a lot of the discontent.

> The more people involved in decision-making, the more likely that the policy will be stable and continue for longer.
> K.K. KAILASH

KKK: The division of taxes between the Centre and State is a complex problem. The amount of funds available to the States is also a function of the way in which the economy is functioning. When the economy does well, there will be more to go around, and vice-versa. At the same time, we also need to take into account, for instance, the regional and income disparities between States. And then there is the vertical imbalance between the Centre and the States. Another source of tension is with regard to sharing of taxes under GST. The negotiations went on for 17 years. But when the system was adopted, not all States were on board. The goods that were taxed at a higher rate in the pre-GST regime was put under a lower bracket, so there was a decline in revenue for the States. The number of commodities that were taxed at a higher rate under the pre-GST regime was reduced. I think either the States' voices were either not heard, or the States did not articulate their voices effectively. Overall, the GST architecture does not favour the States.

The NDA is just beginning its term. Do you see their constituents have a similar economic vision?

SR: The BJP needs its allies to have a majority, but all the important ministries remain with the BJP. It is an open question whether the style of decision-making and governance that we have seen in the last 10 years will change substantially or not. As far as the economic outlook of the allies is concerned, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu was the earliest liberaliser. The difference is about the distribution of power and the style of decision-making.

KKK: I don't see any conflict in terms of economic policies as such as parties across the spectrum are sold on economic reforms. The only possible difference would be the pace of decisions. This also depends on how the decisions are taken and the mechanisms that are used. That might give us a clue to whether economic reforms get stalled or economic reforms are taken forward.

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NOTEBOOK

Chatting with Sunil Chhetri

Chhetri managed to keep the fans and the press happy while helping maintain the sanctity of the athlete-journalist relationship

N. Sudarshan

A sports press conference is a contested zone. There are, in essence, two interested parties: the journalist who is forever on the lookout for a headline-worthy quote or a slip-of-the-tongue statement, and the athlete who is there as the single access point of the team and with the sole aim of controlling the narrative.

Equally, it is a place where relationships are built and mutual respect established. Routine appearances at press meets often convey your journalistic seriousness and rigour, and the player in turn starts looking at you as a constructive critic and not an adversary. Land a few minutes early, there may even be an opportunity for an informal chat.

In the eight-and-a-half years I have spent covering Sunil Chhetri, as leader of the Indian National football team and as talisman of Indian Super League (ISL) side Bengaluru FC (BFC), I have experienced both facets. He was the beating heart of both country and club, and everyone wanted a piece of him. And Chhetri obliged, making blurb-writers happy, but mostly on his own terms, and with due respect to the fourth estate.

On the day of his retirement from international football on June 6, he even wrote a heartfelt letter reflecting this. "There were times when I had to say a lot less than I would have like to, and others where I responded with long monologues," he said. "There were the answers laced with frustration, the ones that were – much to your annoyance – non committal, and then the press conferences that ended in a hurry.

"But through it all, I'd like to believe that I was always honest with you. And that I always chose to have a conversation, even if it risked making headlines for reasons beyond those that I would have liked. Thank you for the love and adulation and thank you for the times when you have been honest in your assessment. Yours isn't an easy job, but a really important one."

In mid-2021, when tennis star Naomi Osaka opted out of press conferences at the French Open citing the effects of those interactions on her mental health, many commentators were quick to side with the four-time Major champion and label these exchanges as pointless.

Lost in the din was the fact that a media briefing was the last of the democratic spaces where every reporter, big or small, had an equal right to pose a question. Chhetri, through the years, ensured that it remained that way. He answered every question with utmost sincerity, and treated all those assembled with dignity.

Chhetri was not a wordsmith, à la Leander Paes, the Amritraj brothers – Anand and Vijay – and Viswanathan Anand. But when he spoke, he did with emotions. In contrast to the modern-day habit of loading sentences with generic corporate jargon, he dealt in specifics.

This time last year, during the SAFF Championship in Bengaluru, Chhetri was asked when he would be retiring from football. He replied that he would when he is "not able to sprint with Udanta [Singh] or go for headers with Sandesh [Jhingan] or score against Gurpreet [Singh Sandhu]."

The last few years have been tough for his club BFC, the ISL final appearance in March 2023 notwithstanding. But Chhetri has played a leading role in trying to keep his side's chin up. On each of the last two occasions a new coach has been unveiled at BFC following an unsuccessful period, Chhetri has been by his manager's side, putting a comforting arm around, acting as a cushion and helping set a positive narrative.

To many, it may all have seemed like an elaborate show. But what is sometimes lost is that the player is essentially speaking to the fans through us in the media. Chhetri's smartness lay in the fact that he managed to keep two fickle constituencies happy – the fans and the press – while helping maintain the sanctity of the athlete-journalist relationship.

PICTURE OF THE WEEK

Sunday horror in Jammu

The 53-seater bus which plunged into a gorge following a terrorist attack on pilgrims, in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir on June 9, 2024. At least nine people were killed and 33 others suffered injuries in the terror attack on the bus, according to officials. PTI

FROM THE ARCHIVES The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO JUNE 14, 1974

Minimum pay and regulation of higher incomes proposed

New Delhi, June 12: The Union Government is finalising a resolution on a national wage policy following the approval given to such a move by the Political Affairs Committee of the Cabinet in principle a few days ago. The main objectives of a national wage policy as conceived by the Union Government are to provide minimum wages not below the poverty line in the interest of health and efficiency of workers and to ensure to the workers and employees a due share in the fruits of growth. There will be rationalisation of inter-occupational, inter-industrial and inter-regional wage differentials so as to reduce disparities in a phased manner. At the same time, there will be a progressive elimination of unjustified wage differentials between the organised and the unorganised sectors.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JUNE 14, 1924

General election in U.S.A.

The Republican platform favours the adherence of the U.S. to the World Court of International Justice, endorses the refusal of the Government to become a member of the League of Nations, advocates the calling of a conference on limitation of land forces and use of submarines and poison gas and favours tariff on imports for the protection of labour. With regard to foreign debts, the platform holds up as model Britain's debt settlement and declares the great nations cannot recognise the principle of repudiation.

From Page One

NTA cancels scorecards of 1,563 NEET candidates

The results will be declared on June 30. Care will be taken to not disturb the counselling session scheduled on July 6, the NTA added.

The Bench disposed of the pleas on the issue of grace marks. As for the allegations of question paper leaks and other concerns, the court directed the NTA to file its response in two weeks.

Earlier, while hearing another petition filed by 10 candidates, the court had scheduled the next hearing on July 8.

One of the petitions was filed by online ed-tech platform Physics Wallah's CEO Alakh Pandey, represented by advocate J. Sai Deepak, who claimed that the NTA's decision to award grace marks was "arbitrary".

Kuwait offers help to repatriate bodies

Family members of a victim, who died in the tragic fire in Kuwait, in Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu. L. BALACHANDAR

An Indian Air Force aircraft is on standby to fly back the mortal remains of the Indians. Kuwait has also ordered the preparation of a military aircraft to help in the repatriation.

Mr. Singh met Sheikh Fahad Yousef Saud Al-Sabah and other senior Kuwaiti officials, and conveyed India's gratitude for their support. He also visited Mubarak Al Kabeer Hospital and other facilities where the injured Indians are undergoing treatment. Kuwaiti Emir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al Jaber Al-Sabah has issued a directive to provide financial assistance to the families of the deceased, though the exact amount to be distributed has not been announced yet. Mr. Singh, accompanied by Joint Secretary Aseem R. Mahajan, reached Kuwait on Thursday, hours after a deadly fire engulfed a multi-storey building housing 196 migrants in the Al Ahmadi governorate in southern Kuwait, shining a spotlight on the poor living conditions of Indian workers in the Gulf region.

In a conversation with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar soon afterwards, the Kuwaiti Foreign Minister promised that the incident would be investigated and that "responsibility will be fixed".

"Urged the early repatriation of the mortal remains of those who lost their lives. He emphasized that those injured were getting the requisite medical attention," Mr. Jaishankar had said about his telephonic conversation with Mr. Al-Yahya.

"MoS conveyed his appreciation for the cooperation being extended by all concerned authorities of Kuwait," the Embassy of India announced in a social media post. The Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) reports that the Kuwaiti Minister assured that they are "doing everything necessary to determine the circumstances and causes of the horrific incident and that justice will take its course with transparency and integrity."

Kuwait's public prosecutor has launched an investigation into the incident, with some reports indicating that the fire was caused by a gas leak from the building's ground floor. The Kuwait Fire Department's head of investigations Colonel Sayed Al-Mousawi said his team had found that inflammable materials were used as partitions between apartments and also between rooms, which had caused the black smoke.

Fresh infiltrators in J&K may have played role in attacks

Security agencies say three or four groups of terrorists on the move in Reasi, Doda and Kathua; since mid-2021, Jammu division hit by 26 terror strikes, pointing to bid to revive militancy

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

On alert: Army soldiers near the site of the ongoing encounter between forces and terrorists in Kathua district on Wednesday. PTI

Amid a spate of terror attacks in the past three days in the Jammu region, security agencies suspect that three or four groups of terrorists, some of them who have freshly infiltrated, are on the move in the Reasi, Doda and Kathua areas.

Since June 9, there have been terror strikes at four places in Reasi, Kathua and Doda, where nine pilgrims were killed, a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) jawan was killed, a civilian was injured and at least seven security personnel were injured. Jammu has remained largely free of militant activities in the last two decades compared to the Kashmir Valley.

A top government source said since mid-2021, at least 26 terror attacks have occurred in the Jammu division, pointing to sustained bids to revive militancy in the region after the special status of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) under Article 370 of the Constitution was read down on August 5, 2019.

On June 11 and 12, two suspected terrorists were killed in an encounter with the security forces in Kathua and a large quantity of arms and ammunition, dry fruits, medicines, batteries, walkie talkie sets were recovered from them.

Recounting the horror

Recounting the June 11 incident at Saida Sukhal near Kootah Morh in Hira Nagar, close to the Pakistan border, an eyewitness told *The Hindu* that though two terrorists were killed, there could be more gun-wielding men moving in the area.

"My employee was on way home on a motorcycle when he was stopped by two armed men on June 11 around 7.30 p.m. They asked him for his ID card and pulled his hair. One of the gunmen appeared to be high on drugs, and who could barely stand, asked the other person to kill the employee, but they eventually let him go. Both were carrying weapons and were clean-shaven. But the ones who were killed by the police had a beard, this makes us believe that there were more than two persons," said Dalvir Singh, a resident.

Mr. Singh added that since there had been no rain in the region, the terrorists came out of the forests to fetch water.

A police statement after the incident said that the two terrorists asked for water from a few houses to which villagers grew suspicious and slammed the doors on them and few raised hue and cry.

'Hiding in forest'

The terrorists panicked and fired randomly in the air and also at villagers, leaving one injured.

"After infiltrating from Pakistan, we suspect they were hiding in the forests. They had food but no water. The two who were killed after being engaged by the police seem to be different from the two terrorists who assaulted my employee," Mr. Singh said.

CRPF soldier laid to rest in M.P.

BHOPAL

The last rites of Kabir Das Uikey, the CRPF jawan who was killed following an encounter with terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua area on Tuesday, were performed with full State honours on Thursday at his village in Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh. Uikey had succumbed to his injuries on Wednesday.

Terrorists planning strikes on forces in Jammu: J&K police

Peerzada Ashiq
JAMMU

In Reasi, the police detained 50 persons in connection with attack on pilgrims bus in Kanda area

The Jammu & Kashmir Police have raised an alert for security formations in Rajouri-Poonch belt and Jammu districts to prepare for possible "suicide attacks" by militants in the next 48 hours. In an internal cable (communication) raised by the police in Jammu on Wednesday, the Army in Poonch, the CRPF and the BSF in Jammu, top police officials in the Rajouri-Poonch and Udhampur-Reasi range were asked "to remain vigilant".

"Inputs received from reliable sources (say) that terrorists are planning suicidal attack on security forces, camps, installations, particularly in Sunderbani, Nowshera, Lamberi, Akhnoor and Domana areas of Rajouri district and Jammu districts in next 48 hours, you are requested to brief the lower formations to remain extra vigilant," reads the communication.

The alert comes in the wake of four attacks in the past five days. Nine civilians, one CRPF jawan and two militants were killed in four terror attacks since Sunday. Two gunfights were reported from Doda district, where two groups of militants opened fire on checkpoints at Gandoh and Chattergala area, leaving seven personnel injured.

The police have released sketches of four terrorists believed to be active in the upper reaches of Bhaderwah, Thathri and Gandoh. A reward of ₹5 lakh was announced for those who will provide information.

In Reasi, the police detained 50 individuals in connection with the attack on a pilgrims' bus in the Kanda area, which left nine dead. "Significant leads have been uncovered, aiding in the identification and capture of those who may be potentially involved in orchestrating the attack. To ensure a comprehensive probe, search operations have been expanded to encompass the far-flung areas of Arnas and Mahore. These operations aim to uncover further evidence and apprehend terrorists who may be hiding in these remote regions," the police said.

Jarange-Patil ends fast, gives a month to govt. to accept demands

Abhinay Deshpande
MUMBAI

Manoj Jarange-Patil

Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange-Patil on Thursday agreed to end his indefinite strike, six days after he started it, granting the Eknath Shinde-led government a one-month deadline to accept the community's demands.

While ending his fast in Jalna's Antarwali Sarati village, his native home, the activist maintained pressure on the ruling party leaders despite giving a month's deadline and threatened the ruling alliance that they would go ahead with their preparations for the next upcoming Assembly election.

On June 8, he started his fresh round of indefinite fast, demanding the implementation of a draft notification that recognises all blood relatives of Maratha community members as Kunbis, an agrarian group classified as an OBC community. He also called for the framing of a law to identify Kunbis as Marathas, warning that he would field candidates for all 288 Assembly seats in the State election if his demands were not met.

He announced his decision to suspend the fast after Minister Shamburaj Desai and Shiv Sena MP-elect from Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar Sandipan Bhumre discussed the issue.

Manipur govt. forms panel to oversee rehabilitation of internally displaced persons

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Thousands of children in relief camps in Manipur have had to pause their schooling due to the conflict. REUTERS

The Manipur government on Thursday constituted a Cabinet sub-committee to oversee the rehabilitation and relocation of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the State due to the ongoing conflict, days after a recent spate of violence in Jiribam district displaced around 1,000 more people from their homes and villages. The ethnic conflict in the State has led to over 220 deaths so far. Over 50,000 people have been internally displaced since the conflict began.

Meanwhile, sporadic violence was reported around Moreh town and in Jiribam district in the last 24 hours, with the Indigenous Tribal Advisory Council of Jiribam and Pherzawl reporting that four shops belonging to Hmar tribal people had been burnt down on Wednesday night.

Following this, on Thursday, the burning of a school building near Moreh town was also reported, with sources saying unknown miscreants had set fire to a new building of a Jawahar Navoday Vidyalaya there.

According to a press note issued by the government, the sub-committee will be headed by Minister of Works and YAS, K. Govindas Singh, with three other Ministers – Awangbow Newmai, Sapam Rajan Singh, and Kashim Vashum – appointed as members.

Amarwara bypoll: BJP fields former Congress MLA

The Hindu Bureau
BHOPAL

The BJP has nominated Kamlesh Shah as its candidate for the Assembly byelection in the Amarwara (ST) constituency in Madhya Pradesh's Chhindwara.

The byelection was necessitated after Mr. Shah, a former loyalist of former Chief Minister Kamal Nath and a two-term Amarwara MLA, had quit the Congress and gave up his legislative membership to join the BJP ahead of the Lok Sabha election. On June 10, the Election Commission announced byelections on 13 seats across the country.

Mr. Shah was one of many Congress leaders who quit the Opposition party before the election. BJP candidate Vivek Bunty Sahu won the election by a margin of over 1.13 lakh.

Priyanka Gandhi may contest from Wayanad: Cong. leader

Sandeep Phukan
Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

Priyanka Gandhi

The option of Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra contesting the Wayanad Lok Sabha seat cannot be ruled out if her brother and Congress MP Rahul Gandhi vacates it in favour of Rae Bareli, a top party leader said on Thursday.

During his trip to Wayanad, Mr. Gandhi had told the people of the constituency that he faces a dilemma over which of the two seats to choose, given that he won both in the Lok Sabha election. However, he added that his decision would make them happy.

The comment of the top Congress leader, who did not wish to be named, assumes significance against the backdrop of Mr. Gandhi's remarks.

"Rahul Gandhi had made the decision to contest Rae Bareli two years ago but he didn't let anyone know. Even with regard to vacating one of two seats, the party will announce it," the source said.

Mulling LoP post

On the question of accepting the post of the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, the top leader said that Mr. Gandhi would take this decision at the right time, but added that the former Congress chief considers organisational responsibility equally important. "If RG takes the position, then the only downside is that he will be pinned down in Delhi. We will have to assess all sides before taking the call," another Congress leader said.

The Congress leaders maintain that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government is crippled and can be overturned at any time, but said that the larger consensus within the party is not to rush into it just yet.

However, the top Congress leader admitted that it is unlikely that the Central agencies will be allowed to function with greater autonomy.

"No, the coalition partners can't ensure that. The entire system has been taken over by the BJP, more so in the past five years," the leader said.

Sunetra Pawar is NCP's candidate for Rajya Sabha bypoll

Shoumojit Banerjee
PUNE

Sunetra Pawar

Ending days of suspense, the Ajit Pawar-led Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) faction on Thursday announced Sunetra Pawar as its candidate for the Rajya Sabha bypoll, which will be held on June 25.

Ms. Pawar's election to the Upper House is likely to take place unopposed as the ruling coalition – comprising of Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena, the BJP, Mr. Pawar's NCP – has strength of more than 180 MLAs (BJP 103, NCP 40 Shiv sena 38) as compared to the Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) which has 69 MLAs in the Assembly.

Ms. Pawar's maiden entry into Parliament is being dubbed a 'backdoor' one by observers after she lost spectacularly (by a margin of 1.58 lakh votes) to her sister-in-law Supriya Sule, daughter of the NCP(SP) chief Sharad Pawar in the hotly contested Baramati Lok Sabha constituency.

The loss of Baramati has been a body blow to the Deputy Chief Minister's prestige, given that his son, Parth Pawar had lost the 2019 general election from Maval Lok Sabha seat by a margin of over three lakh votes to the Shiv Sena's Shrirang Barne.

Fact-finding team must probe Rajkot fire, says HC

Mahesh Langa
AHMEDABAD

The Gujarat High Court on Thursday slammed the State government and directed it to set up a "fact-finding committee" to probe the Rajkot game zone fire incident and the role of officials in allowing the illegal structure to come up which remained functional for years without any licence.

During the hearing of *suo motu* petition, the court hit out at Municipal Commissioners, accusing them of massive negligence in the fire incident.

A Division Bench of Chief Justice Sunita Agarwal and Justice Pranav Trivedi instructed the State government to set up the fact-finding committee, with a report due by July 4.

Four forest staff die in Uttarakhand fire

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

Four Forest department employees died on their way to douse a forest fire in Almora district of Uttarakhand on Thursday.

Four others were severely injured and admitted to hospital.

According to the information, a Forest department vehicle caught fire in Binsar wildlife sanctuary, Almora, around 3.30 p.m. on Thursday.

"Their vehicle caught fire. Four of them died before they could jump out of the vehicle, while others got injured," said a communique from the State government. Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami announced an ex-gratia of ₹10 lakh to the families of the deceased.

APPEAL

Master AATIF RAJA ANSARY, son of Monazir Ansary, 3 years admitted in Christian Medical College is suffering from THALASSEMIA MAJOR. This is a type of blood disorder which is life threatening. The best option for him would be to undergo Allogeneic Peripheral Blood Stem Cell Transplant (PBSCT). The estimated cost of PBSCT at this hospital is approximately **Rs. 15,00,000/-**.
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Pema Khandu sworn in as CM of Arunachal for the third time

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein, 10 others also take oath in Itanagar; CM says BJP's poll manifesto will guide the State government for the next five years and adds that the election results reflect the people's trust in the leadership of Modi

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GUWAHATI

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu said in Itanagar on Thursday that the Bharatiya Janata Party's election manifesto will guide the State government for the next five years.

His Council of Ministers will meet to draw up the road map for development within the first 100 days of taking charge, he added.

Mr. Khandu was sworn in on Thursday as the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh for the third time in succession.

"We won 46 of the 60 Assembly seats in Arunachal Pradesh. It reflected the trust the people have in the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has been showering his attention on the State and elsewhere in the Northeast," he told presspersons after the oath-taking ceremony.

Taking charge: Arunachal Governor K.T. Parnaik administering the oath of office to Pema Khandu in Itanagar on Thursday. ANI

"The mandate means we have to live up to the expectations of the people. We will try to follow our election manifesto to make Arunachal Pradesh more developed over the next five years," he said. "The first step for the Cabinet will be to set a 100-day target to draw a plan for growth," he added.

Council of Ministers

Apart from Mr. Khandu, Arunachal Pradesh Governor K.T. Parnaik administered the oath of office to Chowna Mein as the Deputy Chief Minister.

He had served in the same post in the previous government headed by Mr. Khandu.

Ten others were sworn in as Ministers: Pasang Dorjee Sona, who was the Speaker between 2019 and 2024; Biyuram Wahge, the State BJP president; Nyato Dukam; Gabriel Denwang Wangsu; Wanki Lowang; Mama Natung; Dasanglu Pul; Balo Raja; Kento Jini; and Ojing Tasing.

Ms. Pul, the only woman in Mr. Khandu's Council, is the widow of former Chief Minister Kalikho Pul.

Union Ministers Amit Shah, J.P. Nadda, and Kiren Rijiju, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, his Tripura counterpart Manik Saha, Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, and Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang were among the dignitaries present.

Changing loyalties

Mr. Khandu became the Chief Minister for the first time in 2016 after a power struggle in the then-ruling Congress.

Later, he led 43 MLAs in a switch of loyalties, first to the regional People's Party of Arunachal, and then to the BJP, helping it form the second government in the State without winning an Assembly election.

The BJP had formed a government under almost similar circumstances in 2003 as well.

This time around, the BJP won 10 of its 46 seats in Arunachal Pradesh unopposed.

The party also won the State's two Lok Sabha seats, one of them held by Mr. Rijiju.

Doval reappointed National Security Adviser, Mishra to stay PM's Principal Secretary

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI/AHMEDABAD

The top officials in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) were reappointed on Thursday after Prime Minister Narendra Modi assumed office for a third straight term last week.

P.K. Mishra, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, was retained for a second term and National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval for a rare third term, while two advisers, Amit Khare and Tarun Kapoor, have been reappointed for a tenure of two years each.

After repeating most of his top ministerial team from his previous term, the Prime Minister has also signalled continuity in governance by repeating Mr. Mishra, an old hand who worked with him in Gujarat and since 2014 when Mr. Modi took over as the Prime Minister.

Status quo: Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Principal Secretary P.K. Mishra (left) and National Security Adviser Ajit Doval. FILE PHOTO

The Centre's top personnel body, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) headed by the PM, approved appointments of Mr. Mishra and Mr. Doval with effect from Thursday and said their tenures would be coterminous with the Prime Minister's term or until further orders, whichever was earlier.

As per the ACC notification issued by the Department of Personnel and Training, both officials will have Cabinet rank in the table of precedence in the PMO.

In the PMO, Mr. Mishra looks after the Central administration handling personnel matters and administration matters, while Mr. Doval is tasked with national security and foreign affairs.

Mr. Khare deals with subjects related to social sectors, while Mr. Kapoor handles infrastructure-related matters.

Jake Sullivan, Kurt Campbell expected to visit Delhi next week to discuss key issues

The Hindu Bureau

After two previously cancelled trips to India earlier this year, it appears that U.S. National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan is once again scheduled to visit New Delhi, with plans for a trip next week. U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Kurt Campbell confirmed on Wednesday that he would also be travelling to India with Mr. Sullivan.

Technology cooperation and the U.S.-India Initiative on Critical Emerging Technology (iCET) launched in January 2023 are expected to be high on the agenda for the visit. The iCET has been led so far by Mr. Sullivan and Ajit Doval, whose reappointment as National Security Adviser was announced by the government on Thursday.

"We've worked assertively in technology. I'll be with Jake Sullivan in India next week as we advance areas of coordination with India here," Mr. Campbell said on Wednesday, during a discussion at the Stimson Centre, a Washington DC-based think tank.

"I think we feel very good about this [U.S.-India] partnership," he said.

The Hindu approached the U.S. National Security Council (NSC) for the exact date of Mr. Sullivan's visit, but did not get a confirmation of his schedule.

Other topics high in the bilateral agenda is the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC), launched on the fringes of the G-20 Summit held in New Delhi last year. The corridor, which was conceived in part to compete with China's Belt and Road Initiative, is part of the White House's Indo-Pacific strategy, but has run into trouble over the strife in West Asia, specifically the Israel-Hamas conflict and the frictions between Israel and Saudi Arabia.

Boosting ties: U.S. National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan and U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Kurt Campbell. FILE PHOTO

Jet engines

The co-production of General Electric's F414 jet engines is also expected to feature in the discussions. The project was announced during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's state visit to Washington DC in June 2023. Mr. Modi will be meeting U.S. President Joe Biden at the G-7 meeting in Italy on Friday. The two politicians spoke to each other on the phone last week when Mr. Biden called to congratulate Mr. Modi on being reappointed Prime Minister following the general elections.

Responding to a question from a reporter on U.S. export controls acting as an impediment to technology cooperation, Mr. Campbell admitted that there are certain long-standing "practices and some steps" that are no longer relevant, and that the two countries would need to move beyond that to find new areas of cooperation.

"And I think that's going to be one of the issues that National Security Advisor Sullivan will be talking to his Indian counterparts about," he said, adding that the U.S. wanted to take these steps to ensure that the momentum is "unmistakable".

"And we are quite bullish on the U.S.-India relationship," Mr. Campbell said.

Presumably, the U.S. charge that Indian agents were behind a plot to kill Khalistani separatist and American citizen Gurpatwant Singh Pannun in New York, will also be discussed during Mr. Sullivan's visit. New Delhi has instituted a high-level probe to investigate the matter.

Asked by the travelling White House press corps, if Mr. Biden would raise the issue with Mr. Modi in Italy, Mr. Sullivan did not directly answer the question beyond saying the topic would continue to be discussed "at very senior levels".

Target is to achieve self-reliance in defence manufacturing: Rajnath

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The government's target will be to export defence equipment worth over ₹50,000 crore by 2028-2029, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Thursday after assuming charge for the second consecutive term.

He chaired a review meeting on the action plan for the first 100 days of the Ministry under the new government, with a focus on the welfare of ex-servicemen.

"The meeting focused on the welfare of veterans, wherein major issues pertaining to the Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare were discussed. He instructed the officers to rededicate themselves to fulfil the agenda laid out in the 100 days' action plan," the Defence Ministry said in a statement.

Setting goals: Rajnath Singh took charge as Union Defence Minister for the second term, in New Delhi on Thursday. ANI

"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, our aim will be to further strengthen the security apparatus of the country, with focus on achieving self-reliance in defence manufacturing. Armed forces modernisation and the welfare of the soldiers, both serving and retired, will continue to be our main focus," Mr. Singh said. In this regard, he noted that defence exports had touched a record ₹21,083 crore in financial year 2023-24. "It was historic," he stated.

He said the armed forces were being equipped with state-of-the-art weapons and platforms. In line with this, Mr. Singh said he would hold regular review meetings to fast-track the progress of the flagship schemes and the initiatives of the Ministry.

Emphasising the growing salience of the Indian Ocean Region in the defence calculus, Mr. Singh's first visit this term would be to the Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam, where he would interact with officers and sailors, the Ministry said.

Purnea MP Pappu Yadav gets bail in extortion case

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

In a relief for Purnea MP Pappu Yadav, the Purnea Chief Judicial Magistrate court granted him bail in an extortion case.

A Purnea-based furniture businessman, Raja Kumar, had lodged a case of extortion against Mr. Yadav at the Muffasil police station. Based on the complaint, the police had lodged an FIR against him.

Judge Shyamal Kumar granted bail to Mr. Yadav on two bail bonds of ₹10,000. In the court, Mr. Yadav's advocate said the mobile number mentioned in the FIR, from which the alleged extortion call was made, did not belong to his client.

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INBRIEF

All four gates of Jagannath temple in Puri reopened

All four gates of the 12th-century Jagannath temple in Puri were reopened for devotees on Thursday morning in the presence of Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and his Council of Ministers. The previous BJD government had kept three of the four gates shut since the pandemic. Devotees had been facing inconvenience as entry was allowed through only one gate. Opening all the temple gates was a key promise in the BJP's election manifesto. Mr. Majhi said the Odisha government had also decided to set up a ₹500-crore corpus fund for better management, maintenance, and development of the temple. PTI

Court stays release of *Shaadi ke Director, Karan aur Johar*

The Bombay High Court on Thursday stayed the release of the Hindi film *Shaadi ke Director, Karan aur Johar*, which was set to be released on Friday. Filmmaker Karan Johar filed a suit in the Bombay High Court on Wednesday against producer IndiaPride Advisory, writer Sanjay Singh, and director Bablu Singh, objecting to the use of his name in the movie. The court restrained the makers from using any promotional material related to the film after finding a *prima facie* case that the makers used Mr. Johar's name in the movie title without his authorisation and that they had violated a person's fundamental rights.

ED seizes assets worth ₹13 cr. in case involving Chinese man

The Enforcement Directorate on Thursday said it has attached properties worth ₹13.58 crore in a money laundering case involving a Chinese national, who allegedly stayed in India illegally, and his associates. Xue Fei, the Chinese national, and his accomplices had allegedly opened hotels and clubs in the National Capital Region for fellow Chinese citizens, particularly those who entered in the country illegally. The attached assets are in the form of bank balance, fixed deposits, immovable properties, and insurance policies beneficially owned by Ravi Natvarlal Thakkar and others, the agency said.

CBI searches 67 places in Odisha in postal job scam

The CBI on Thursday conducted searches at 67 locations in nine districts of Odisha over alleged certificate forgery in postal recruitment. As many as 63 candidates have been booked for forgery in connection with the Gramin Dak Sevak examination. The districts where searches have been conducted are Kalahandi, Nuapada, Rayagada, Nabarangpur, Kandhamal, Kendujhar, Mayurbhanj, Balasore and Bhadrak. The search operation involved more than 204 officials, including 122 officers from the CBI, and 82 personnel from other departments. The search teams are striving to uncover the inter-State organised gang responsible for providing these fake certificates.

Vaishnaw directs Railways to prevent unauthorised travel

Railway Minister concerned by reports of unreserved passengers travelling in reserved coaches, asks General Managers to launch special drives involving RPF personnel to curb the menace

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has expressed concern over the trend of unauthorised persons travelling in reserved coaches.

According to railway sources, Mr. Vaishnaw held a video conference with General Managers of all Zonal Railways on Thursday and pointed to the surge in the number of complaints received on the 'RailMadad' application about unreserved passengers travelling in reserved coaches and called for effective measures to curb the same.

Zonal Railways were told to launch special intensive drives involving the Railway Protection Force (RPF) and the Government Railway Police personnel to ensure that only passengers holding confirmed tickets travelled in reserved coaches, the sources said.

The move came a day after *The Hindu* reported how several passengers could not board Train No. 12840 Chennai Central-Howrah Superfast Mail here on Tuesday night after unauthorised persons barged into Sleeper Class coaches and occupied reserved berths.

The Railways Minister has directed officials to penalise those who board reserved coaches without advance booking. FILE PHOTO

Southern Railway had contended that the sudden rush was due to festival holiday and arranged travel for some passengers who missed the train by allowing berths under the Emergency Quota.

Acting on the instructions of the Railway Minister, Southern Railway launched the drive against unauthorised travellers.

Ten trains that had increasing number of complaints from passengers in reserved coaches were short-listed for intensified action.

Besides the long-distance trains that are prone to complaints of overcrowding in reserved compartments, instructions were given to the Commercial and Security department officials to deploy adequate number of ticket-checking staff and RPF personnel on all trains, the sources said.

If unauthorised persons were found to be travelling in reserved coaches, railway staff were told to impose penalty (excess fare) up to the point of detection and deboard them at the stopping station.

Announcements would be made at originating stations and also *en route*, advising passengers with season tickets, general or waitlisted tickets not to board reserved coaches.

Among the trains that were found to be prone to unauthorised travel, Train No. 16127 Chennai Egmore-Guruvayur Express topped the list with 68 complaints in May alone.

Instructions were given late on Thursday to Senior Divisional Commercial Managers across the zone to give a daily feedback on the action taken on the issue, such as de-boarding of unauthorised passengers and imposing of penalty.

6 killed as landslides, rain wreak havoc in Sikkim, north Bengal

Moyurie Som
SILIGURI

A house that was damaged during the landslide in northern Sikkim on Thursday. ANI

At least six people were killed and 1,500 tourists stranded as massive landslides triggered by incessant rainfall caused devastation in northern Sikkim's Mangan district, officials said on Thursday.

Due to the torrential rain in Sikkim this week, surging water levels in the Teesta river wrought havoc at Kalimpong in north Bengal, flooding the Teesta Bazar area and leading to the closure of Kalimpong-Darjeeling Road.

The situation turned dire on Wednesday night after heavy rainfall led to the inundation of areas like Geil Khola and several roads in Kalimpong's Teesta Bazar connecting Darjeeling and Kalimpong. Roads connecting Siliguri with Darjeeling and Kalimpong are also being monitored closely.

A newly constructed bailey bridge at Sangkalang in Sikkim collapsed snapping the link between Mangan with Dzongu and Chungthang. Landslides blocked stretches of roads and several houses were inundated or damaged, while electricity poles were swept away.

"Three persons each died in Pakshep and Ambhithang villages," Mangan District Magistrate Hem Kumar Chettri said.

He held a meeting with officials to take stock of the situation following incessant rainfall in and around Mangan district since Wednesday and instructed them to carry out rescue and relief work.

Alerts have been sounded to those living in houses along the banks of the swollen Teesta river. Local officials urged residents of affected areas to evacuate houses and move to safer ground.

(With PTI inputs)

Congress to voice the anger of 24 lakh NEET candidates in Parliament: Gaurav Gogoi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Reiterating its demand for a Supreme Court-monitored probe into allegations of irregularity in conducting the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) for undergraduate medical courses, the Congress on Thursday said that the plight and anger of the 24 lakh students who took the exam will "reverberate" in Parliament.

The Opposition party also sought the removal of the Director-General of the National Testing Agency (NTA).

Congress leader Gaurav Gogoi said the INDIA bloc had enough numbers in the Lok Sabha to "bring the government to its knees and make them accountable to the students". "We are waiting for the Parliament session, We will raise the voice of 24 lakh youth of the country inside Parliament. The anger over the NEET exam in the country will also reverberate inside Parliament," Mr. Gogoi said at a press conference.

Gaurav Gogoi

"The Congress believes that the BJP government's attitude towards the ongoing demand for an inquiry into the NEET exam is irresponsible and insensitive... Ordinary families have been forced to cough up amounts close to ₹30 lakh due to promises given to them by different coaching and examination centres," he added.

Earlier, party chief Mallikarjun Kharge said that in the past 10 years, the Narendra Modi-led government had ruined the future of crores of youth through paper leaks and rigging.

"Grace marks was not the only problem in NEET. There has been rigging, papers have been leaked, corruption has taken place," Mr. Kharge said in a social media post on X.

He claimed that a nexus of exam centres and coaching centres had been created, where the game of "pay money, get paper" was being played out.

'No evidence of NEET paper leak'

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Thursday rejected allegations of paper leak in the NEET-UG examination for medical courses, saying there was no evidence to substantiate the claims. PTI

Six workers killed in blast at firecracker unit near Nagpur

Snehal Mutha
MUMBAI

At least six workers, five of them women, were killed and three critically injured in an explosion at a firecracker manufacturing unit near Nagpur in Maharashtra on Thursday.

The incident took place around 1 p.m. at Chamundi Explosive Private Ltd. at Dhamna village in the Katol Assembly constituency, 25 km from Nagpur, the police said. "The firecrackers that were stored in a nearby unit caught fire, which resulted in the blast. The workers were packing them when the incident took place. Experts have been roped in to ascertain the cause of the incident," Commissioner of Police Ravindra Singhal said to *The Hindu*.

Mr. Singhal said nine injured persons were initially rushed to two private hospitals in the city. Of them, five women and a man died while undergoing treatment. The bodies were shifted to the government hospital for autopsy. A probe is on, he added.

Charred remains after the blast at the firecracker factory, in Nagpur on Thursday. ANI

NCP (Sharad Pawar) MLA from KatolAnil Deshmukh visited the site. He said the manager and the owner of the manufacturing unit were absconding, and criticised the company for not having basic safety measures, including an ambulance.

Sanjay Tidke, general manager of the firecracker manufacturing unit, said that compensation would be given to the families of the deceased.

SC suspends screening of *Hamare Baarah*

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday ordered the public screening of the film *Hamare Baarah* to be suspended for the time being.

The order came in response to a petition filed by Azhar Basha Tamboli, represented by Fauzia Shakil. Mr. Tamboli approached the top court against the Bombay High Court's interim decision to recall its earlier injunction order of June 5 against the release of the film.

His petition alleged that "the film's theme, explicit visuals and dialogues are not just hurtful, harmful and defamatory to the sentiments of the Muslim community but would incite hatred against Muslims, breach harmony, public order".

The top court refused to enter into the case's merits as a writ petition challenging the film's release was pending in the High Court.

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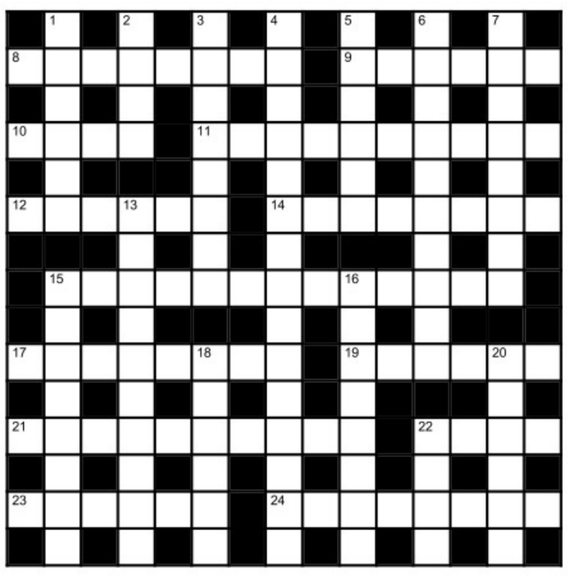

Across

8 Queen mother managed one without slightest sound of laughter (8)
9 Conservationists - endless avarice and vacuous nitwittedness (6)
10 Against some obscurantists (4)
11 'Days of Yore' by English poet, describes love as sham (10)
12 Just showcasing power and energy in public (6)
14 Job presented with mobile communication plan (4-4)
15 At home, word sex's stressful! Sounding like irregularity! (13)
17 Blissfully calm face, bit rattled after embracing one (8)
19 Plan time and ground (6)
21 Start! Go! Run! Spare us pretended disdain! (4,6)
22 Bad German stuff, pious fellow rejected (4)
23 Lands some of the best at entrepreneurship (6)
24 Unmasking old girlfriend's heartless attitude (8)

Down

1 It can do with bit of pepper mint (6)
2 Most amazing priest (4)
3 Governance takes a toll on him (8)
4 Top Kings embraced IPL basics (5,10)
5 Exiting, going, running, escaping, something similar basically (6)
6 Reward comperes struggling with English (10)
7 Leader of England almost resigned, failing to motivate (8)
13 Horrible riot in South African region related to swimming! (10)
15 Smartly, I chose EU for cold storage (3,5)
16 Part of church school, one wasted by blighted pest (8)
18 Designed car crashed by me (6)
20 Cripple redesigned 18D (6)
22 Fighter, not priest, gets earth (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Five limbs of surrender

Acharya Sri Vedantha Desika has composed *Nyasa Dasakam* in which he explains all the concepts and the benefit of surrendering (*saranagathi*) at the divine feet of God in a simple manner. Navalpakkam Sri Vasudevachariar Swamy said in a discourse, "*Nyasa*" means to place or submit, and "*Dasakam*" denotes 10. Like Sri Ramanuja, who had given the essence of Veda Bhashya in a condensed form as "*Vedanta Deepam*", Sri Vedantha Desika has presented the doctrine of surrender in an abridged form in 10 verses in "*Nyasa Dasakam*". Though small, it contains excellent information about the import of "*Dwaya Mantra*".

One has to submit oneself to God, which involves three things. Submitting one's soul as it is the property of God (*Aatma Nyasam*), the responsibility of protection (*Bhara Nyasam*), and the benefit of surrender (*Phala Nyasam*).

The concept of surrender has six parts, called '*Shad Vidhya Saranagathi*'. The main part is called *Nyasa* (surrender). The five limbs of surrender are: To resolve to perform only the duties enshrined; to desist the acts that displease God; to express our humility with helplessness; to have an absolute and enduring faith and to entrust our protection to Him with a sincere appeal. It is prayed to grant *Moksha* at the end of this birth. As long as we exist in this world, He should bless us to serve Him.

INBRIEF

'Regency Ceramics to restart Yanam plant by June end'

Tile manufacturer Regency Ceramics Ltd.'s (RCL) Yanam plant is all set to restart operations by June end, said Executive Director Narala Satyendra Prasad. "We announced that the first line will commence operations by Q1. Plant refurbishment is over and trials started during February," he said. Mr. Prasad said the company had tied up with raw material suppliers and strengthened supply chain logistics.

Aurionpro arm gets RBI's final nod for aggregator licence

Aurionpro Payment Solutions Private Ltd., a subsidiary of Aurionpro, said it had received final authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India to operate as an online payment aggregator under the Payments Settlements Act, 2007, through its payments brand AuroPay. "Receiving the final approval from RBI to operate as a full-fledged online payment aggregator is a significant milestone in achieving our long-term goals as a payment service provider," the company said.

PNB MetLife declares ₹930 crore bonus for FY24

Life insurer PNB MetLife has declared ₹930 crore bonus for FY24, a payout that will benefit 5.82 lakh customers. Compared with the previous fiscal this is 21% more. The number of eligible beneficiaries has increased by 30,000 compared to FY23. "The ₹930 crore bonus declaration this year reinforces our commitment to generate the best possible outcomes for our customers' financial security and long-term prosperity," said Sanjay Kumar, Chief Investment Officer.

Will prioritise airfare review: new Civil Aviation Minister

As Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu takes charge, he says 'price fluctuations since COVID-19 is a cause of concern'; promises to pursue regional connectivity begun during Ashok Gajapathi Raju's tenure

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Accessible flying: TDP MP says biometric boarding passes will be expanded to all airports; "ease of flying" to be policy mantra. PTI

A review of airfares will be a "priority" for the new government as pricing fluctuations are a "cause of concern", said Telugu Desam Party's Member of Parliament Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu as he took charge of the Ministry of Civil Aviation on Thursday.

"We have seen ticket price fluctuations right from the time of Covid-19 when air travel took a huge hit. Air fares have been fluctuating and have not stabilised since then. I have observed this also as a passenger. This is a cause of concern," Mr. Naidu told journalists, adding he will prioritise a review meeting on this issue with airlines and ministry officials.

The Minister said the common man will be at the "core" of policy making, and that he will ensure "easy of flying" in India. The Ministry will soon finalise a 100-day action plan.

Mr. Naidu said he will pursue initiatives like the regional connectivity scheme to expand connectivity to tier-2/3 cities, launched when his party colleague Ashok Gajapathi Raju headed the Ministry. He also said biometric boarding passes will be expanded to all airports.

'Push land, labour, agriculture reforms in Modi's third term'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

On reforms related to land, CII suggests moderating stamp duty to lower the cost of acquisition

Industry body CII made a case for pushing reforms in land, labour, and agriculture in PM Narendra Modi's third term to accelerate economic growth estimated at 8% in FY25.

Incoming CII President Sanjiv Puri said several policy interventions in the past put the economy on "a much stronger wicket".

"The growth estimate hinges on addressing unfinished reforms on priority, and improvement in world trade prospects aiding our exports, twin engines of investment and consumption doing well," Mr. Puri added.

On reforms related to land, CII suggests a moderation in stamp duty to lower the cost of acquisition.

Ambuja Cements to acquire Penna Cement for ₹10,422 cr.

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Ajay Kapur

Ambuja Cements Ltd. said it had signed a binding agreement for acquisition of 100% shares of Penna Cement Industries Ltd. (PCIL) from its existing promoter group - namely P. Pratap Reddy and family - at an enterprise value of ₹10,422 crore.

The acquisition will be fully funded through internal accruals, the Adani Group company said in a filing with stock exchanges.

"This landmark acquisition is a significant step forward in Ambuja Cements' accelerating our growth journey," Ajay Kapur, CEO and Whole Time Director of Ambuja Cements said in a statement.

GST Council to meet for the first time this year on June 22

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

The Centre has decided to convene a meeting of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council on June 22, eight-and-a-half months after its last meeting, the Finance Ministry said on Thursday.

"The 53rd meeting of the GST Council will be held on 22nd June, 2024 at New Delhi," a ministry statement informed.

The Council that is generally expected to meet every quarter, has met just six times since 2022.

The agenda for the upcoming meeting is not known yet but State Finance Ministers can be expected to flag suggestions for the indirect tax regime that can be incorporated in the Union Budget likely to be presented next month.

Industry will also be keen for signals on the revival of a plan to restructure the complex multiple-rate tax structure, now that GST revenues have risen significantly, along with a promised review of the 28% levy on bets made in online gaming, casinos, and horse racing.

At its last meeting held on October 7, 2023, the Council, headed by the Finance Minister, had initiated discussions on a "perspective plan" to impose a cess or surcharge on top of GST levies after March 2026, when the GST Compensation Cess is due to expire.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	THURSDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	76,811	0.27
US Dollar	83.54	-0.07
Gold	72,150	-0.06
Brent oil	82.70	0.60

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3224.80	5.75
Adani Ports	1404.45	10.50
Apollo Hosp	6206.20	37.60
Asian Paints	2910.00	4.20
Axis Bank	1174.65	-13.25
Bajaj Auto	9923.40	19.15
Bajaj Finserv	1590.10	11.00
Bajaj Finance	7294.95	77.20
Bharti Airtel	1425.75	-12.65
BPCL	619.35	6.00
Britannia Ind	5379.45	-59.85
Cipla	1544.55	3.60
Coal India	487.90	-0.80
Divis Lab	4593.50	141.15
Dr Reddys Lab	6095.85	35.80
Eicher Motors	4801.50	-49.15
Grasim Ind	2458.05	7.90
HCL Tech	1444.15	5.40
HDFC Bank	1580.75	6.60
HDFC Life	593.50	20.80
Hero MotoCorp	5816.00	25.80
Hindalco	680.70	6.80
Hind Unilever	2487.40	-41.30
ICICI Bank	1107.35	-12.20
IndusInd Bank	1507.25	23.00
Infosys	1493.95	8.75
ITC	430.30	-2.00
JSW Steel	915.75	-1.15
Kotak Bank	1726.35	10.60
L&T	3703.65	73.35
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5047.20	96.10
M&M	2861.70	74.15
Maruti Suzuki	12846.85	-2.50
NestleIndia	2551.75	14.45
NTPC	369.95	-1.35
ONGC	276.55	1.05
PowerGrid Corp	321.45	-3.20
Reliance Ind	2930.50	3.85
SBI Life	1449.90	-2.80
State Bank	843.90	4.80
Shriram Finance Ltd.	2684.30	117.35
Sun Pharma	1510.80	3.95
TataConsumerProduct	1114.60	-10.05
Tata Motors	985.85	-2.85
Tata Steel	182.56	0.33
TCS	3878.15	46.50
Tech Mahindra	1388.95	18.35
Titan	3472.20	89.90
UltraTech Cement	11173.80	129.00
Wipro	482.60	5.70

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on June 13

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.34	83.66
Euro	90.07	90.42
British Pound	106.55	106.97
Japanese Yen (100)	53.03	53.23
Chinese Yuan	11.49	11.54
Swiss Franc	93.05	93.41
Singapore Dollar	61.78	62.03
Canadian Dollar	60.65	60.89
Malaysian Ringitt	17.69	17.77
Australian Dollar	55.44	55.66

Source:Indian Bank

LIC holding in Dr. Reddy's crosses 5%

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Life Insurance Corporation of India's (LIC) holding in Dr. Reddy's Laboratories has crossed 5%, with the institutional investor purchasing more than 1.08 lakh shares of the drugmaker.

The shares were acquired from the open market, as an investment function, at an average price of ₹6,059.82 each, LIC said in a filing on Thursday.

Consequently, the holding increased from 4.95% to 5.01%. In terms of number of shares, LIC holds 83,69,879 shares of Dr. Reddy's.

On Thursday, Dr. Reddy's shares closed 0.53% higher to ₹6,095.10 apiece on the BSE.

CAMSRep unveils Bima Central to plan insurance portfolio

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The interface allows users to manage policies through their secure e-insurance account

CAMSRep (CAMS Insurance Repository Services) unveiled Bima Central, a one-stop platform for simplifying insurance portfolio management.

Bima Central allows users to manage life, health and motor policies through their secure e-insurance account (eIA), said CAMS wholly owned subsidiary in a statement.

Registered users of eIA will get access to Bima Central for managing their policies with various insurers, with features such as simplified policy information, renewals and reminders, profile management of personal data and nominee information, policy calendar, and more.

The current interface is available in English and Hindi on Android, iOS and on the web portal.

SBI General has been the anchor insurer from the research and design phase. ICICI Prudential Life, Star Union Daichi Life, TATA AIA and Aditya Birla Health are at various stages of integrating their services with Bima Central.

VIL to issue shares worth ₹2,458 crore to Nokia, Ericsson

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Board of Directors of Vodafone Idea Ltd., at its meeting held on Thursday, approved issuance of up to 1,66,08,10,804 fully paid-up equity shares of face value of ₹10 each in one or more tranches for an aggregate consideration of up to ₹2,458 crore on a preferential basis.

This includes up to 1,02,70,27,024 shares at an issue price of ₹14.8 per share aggregating to ₹1,520 crore to Nokia Solutions and Networks India Pvt. Ltd., a non-promoter, and up to 63,37,83,780 shares aggregating to ₹938 crore to Ericsson India Pvt. Ltd., also a non-promoter.

Mumbai, Delhi luxury real estate among top 5 globally: Knight Frank

Ateeq Shaikh
MUMBAI

In the last 12 months, Mumbai witnessed a 11.5% rise in luxury real estate prices, reaching the third spot globally, after Manila and Tokyo. Delhi's prime residential prices soared by 10.5% in the last year, finding fifth spot on property consultant Knight Frank's prime global cities index, which is ranked as per annual percentage change in realty prices.

Contrary to financial and national capitals of India, Bengaluru witnessed a drop in luxury home rates.

At the top of the table is Manila with 26.2% annual growth, followed by Tokyo at 12.5%. In fourth place is Perth, at 11.1%.

"With annual Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth running at over 8%, strong economic growth across India has boosted housing prices in the main cities, particularly in Delhi and Mumbai, as our results confirm," Knight Frank said in its recent report.

Mumbai's rank moved three positions in Q1 FY24, from the corresponding period in FY23. Delhi's jump was bigger from 17 rank to fifth. However, Bengaluru's rank slipped a notch from 16 to 17, even while it recorded a 4.8% annual growth in luxury residential prices.

"The strong demand trend for residential properties has been a global phenomenon, led by gateway markets of Asia-Pacific, Europe, Middle East and Africa. Like its peers in these regions, the improved rankings of Mumbai and Delhi on the prime global cities index was underscored by resilience in sales growth volume. We expect momentum of sales to remain stable over the next few quarters as economic corridors are likely to remain unchanged."

Anarock, another property consultant seconds Knight Frank. Anarock in its report said, "There were periods when the supply of real estate exceeded demand, resulting in stable price growth that kept pace with inflation in the pre-pandemic era. Between 2013-2020, top seven cities recorded a cumulative supply of 23.55 lakh units against a demand for 20.68 lakh units. Following the pandemic, residential real estate saw rapid recovery, leading to significant price growth outpacing general inflation."

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Date & Time of opening of Tender documents	03.07.2024 (4.00 PM)

Sd/-
DIRECTOR

Kerala State IT Mission
Department of Electronics & IT,
Government of Kerala.
Website: http://www.itmission.kerala.gov.in/

TENDER NOTICE

Selection of Data Centre Operator for the Operations and Management of Kerala State Data Centres

Tender ID 2024_KSITM_675597_1
Tender Reference No. SDC/9/2024-KSITM

Detailed Notification and RFP documents may be downloaded from
https://etenders.kerala.gov.in/

(D3/323/2024/I&PRD)

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Invites offers from interested parties for purchase of Mild Steel scrap items, for the two month period JULY - AUGUST 2024.

Details of the items available for disposal and tender terms and conditions can be had from the Company on written request.

Sealed offers can be submitted to the **Sr. Vice President (Supply Chain),** Wheels India Limited, Padi, Chennai - 600 050 **to reach on or before 28th JUNE 2024.**

Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, PWD, Zone, Ajmer
No.: ACE/AJ/TECH/F2(30A-NIT)/2024-2025/D-792 Date: 11.06.2024
NIB No. PWD2425AO168

Notice Inviting Bid No. 02/2024-2025

Bids for 01 No. ROB Work (EPC MODE) are invited from interested bidders upto 6.00 PM on Monday 08 July 2024. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the State; and DIPR departmental website. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 3614.06 Lacs.

UBN No. PWD2425WLOB00542

(V.K. Jain),
Additional Chief Engineer,
DIPR/C/4214/2024 **PWD, Zone, Ajmer.**

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

NOTIFICATION
Department of Agriculture
Memo No : 173-20/HQ Dated : 12.06.2024

In pursuance of Clause VIII(A) of the Guidelines of Farm Mechanization Schemes 2024-24 vide Memo No : 179-AG-11030(II)1/2024-NAB-SEC dt. 28.02.2024, indicative price of the different farm Machinery/implements is to be published by the Department of Agriculture, Govt. of West Bengal.

Now, as per decision of the meeting of the SPMT held on 12.06.2024, all the Farm Machinery Manufacturers who are interested to take part in Farm Mechanization Schemes-2024-25 in West Bengal are invited to furnish their information as stated below in respect of different models of the farm machinery / implements through email to facilitate publication of indicative price for the year 2024-25:

1. Information in respect of different models of farm machinery/ imploements in an excel sheet in the prescribed format (Annexure-A).
2. Invoices as referred to in the format in a folder creating dealer wise sub-folder.

The notice including the format (Annexure-A) & Guidelines of FMS-2024-25 is available in **https://matirkatha.wb.gov.in** portal. For any query please contact with the Farm Mechanization Cell, Jessop Building, 1st Floor, 63 N S Road, Kolkata-700001, Phone:033-22540917.

The information as detailed above is to be sent to the mail id : **wbfm2024@gmail.com** only by 30.06.2024. Registration of manufacturers in the portal will be started after publication of indicative price.

Sd/-
Director of Agriculture
ICA- N 248(5)/2024 **West Bengal**

BRUSSELS

EU court fines Hungary €200 mn for not following asylum laws

REUTERS

The European Union's top court on Thursday fined Hungary 200 million euros ($216 million) and imposed a daily one-million-euro penalty for failing to follow the bloc's asylum laws and illegally deporting migrants, a decision Hungary's Prime Minister Viktor Orban slammed as "outrageous and unacceptable". AFP

WELLINGTON

Chinese Premier warns against 'chasm' in ties with New Zealand

GETTY IMAGES

Chinese Premier Li Qiang said on Thursday his nation's differences with New Zealand must not become a "chasm", pledging greater trade and "friendship" after touching down in Wellington for rare bilateral talks. Mr. Li is embarking on a six-day tour of New Zealand and Australia. AFP

MANCHESTER

Will end the era of 'gestures and gimmicks' if we win polls: Starmer

AFP

Labour Party leader Keir Starmer, the left-of-centre politician aiming to become Britain's Prime Minister in three weeks' time, while launching the election manifesto, said on Thursday he will lead a government that's both "pro-business and pro-worker" and restore stability after years of economic and political turmoil. AP

MOSCOW

U.S. reporter Gershkovich to be tried on spying charges: Russia

AFP

U.S. reporter Evan Gershkovich, who was arrested in Russia in March 2023 on charges of working for the CIA and collecting "secret information" he and his employers have rejected as false, is to face trial, prosecutors said on Thursday. His trial will take place in the Urals city of Yekaterinburg, they said. AFP

U.S., Europe will lock up Russian assets until it pays for Ukraine war

Leaders agree to leverage interest and income from the $260 bn in frozen Russian assets; they back a $50 bn loan for Kyiv; President Joe Biden signs a 10-year security agreement with Zelenskyy, endorsing Washington's commitment to Ukraine

Associated Press
BORGO EGNAZIA

U.S. National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan described the pact as a 'real marker' of the U.S. commitment to Ukraine. AFP

The U.S. and European countries have agreed to lock up sanctioned Russian assets until Moscow pays reparations for its invasion of Ukraine, a senior U.S. official said on Thursday. The move cleared the way for leaders as they announced a $50 billion loan package for Kyiv at the Group of Seven summit, where President Joe Biden signed a 10-year security agreement with Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

The highly anticipated agreement will leverage interest and income from the more than $260 billion in frozen Russian assets, largely held in Europe, securing a $50 billion loan from the U.S. and additional loans from other partners. The first disbursements will be made this year, but it will take time for Ukraine to use all the money, the official said. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity to preview the agreement, which will be included in the G-7 leaders' communique on Friday.

The leaders' statement will also leave the door open to confiscating the Russian assets entirely, for which the allies have yet to secure the political will, largely citing legal and financial stability concerns.

Mr. Biden will meet on Thursday with Mr. Zelenskyy to discuss a bilateral security agreement between the U.S. and Ukraine, as the international group of wealthy democracies has been looking for new ways to bolster Ukraine's defences against Russia.

It comes several months after the White House broke through a logjam in Congress that stalled approval of some $60 billion in U.S. aid for Ukraine. The delay gave Russia time to make up ground on the battlefield.

Mr. Biden's National Security Adviser, Jake Sullivan, described the pact as a "real marker" of the U.S. commitment to Ukraine, "not just for this month and this year, but for the many years ahead".

Mr. Sullivan said the pact would not commit U.S. troops directly to Ukraine's defence. That is a red line drawn by Mr. Biden, who does not want to have the U.S. pulled into a direct conflict with Moscow.

Hezbollah attacks Israeli bases as Gaza war rages

Agence France-Presse
BEIRUT

Lebanon's Iran-backed Hezbollah group said it launched rocket and drone attacks on several Israeli Army bases and positions on Thursday, after an Israeli strike killed one of its senior commanders.

Hezbollah fighters launched "an attack with rockets and drones, targeting six barracks and military sites" while simultaneously flying "squadrons of explosive-laden drones" at three other Israeli bases, the group said in a statement.

It said the attacks were "part of the response to the assassination" of Hezbollah commander Taleb Abdallah on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Israeli helicopters struck Gaza's Rafah, residents said, with Hamas militants reporting street battles in the southern city after top U.S. diplomat Antony Blinken said a truce was still possible.

Antony Blinken

Continued operation

Israeli ground forces have been operating in Rafah, near the Egyptian border, since early May to pursue Hamas Palestinian fighters, despite widespread international alarm over the fate of displaced people crowded into the city.

Western areas of Rafah came under heavy Israeli fire from the air, sea and land, residents said.

The Ezzedine al-Qassam Brigades, the armed wing of Islamist movement Hamas, said its fighters were battling Israeli troops on the streets of the same area.

The top world court, the International Court of Justice, in May issued a binding ruling for Israel to halt any offensive in Rafah and elsewhere that could bring about "the physical destruction" of the Palestinians.

Israel responded that it had not "and will not" engage in such operations against the Palestinians.

U.K. issues sanctions on Moscow stock exchange

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

The U.K. announced on Thursday dozens of new sanctions aimed at constraining Russia's war in Ukraine, including targeting Moscow's main stock exchange, a day after Washington announced similar measures.

London said the 50 new curbs – part of "co-ordinated action with G-7 partners" as the Western-led bloc's leaders meet in Italy – will hit the Russian financial system and suppliers supporting its military production.

The major new financial punishment, set to complicate billions of dollars in transactions, prompted the exchange to halt dollar and euro trades on Thursday.

South Africa's ANC strikes deal with several parties

Agence France-Presse
CAPE TOWN

Fikile Mbalula

South Africa's long-standing ruling ANC said on Thursday it has reached an agreement with several other parties to form a coalition government, after failing to win an outright majority in general elections in May.

Speaking on the eve of the first sitting of the newly elected Parliament, African National Congress Secretary General Fikile Mbalula said the government would "gravitate to the centre", after leftist parties shunned the deal.

"We have reached a breakthrough on the common agreement that we need to work together," Mr. Mbalula told a news conference.

The agreement means President Cyril Ramaphosa is likely to be appointed for a second term when lawmakers convene in Cape Town on Friday.

Mr. Mbalula described the coalition as a national unity government and said it was to include the centre-right Democratic Alliance (DA), the Zulu nationalist Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP), the small centre-left United Democratic Movement, and right-wing Afrikaner Freedom Front Plus (FF+).

The radical leftist Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) was left out as talks with the party lead by firebrand politician Julius Malema did not bear fruit, Mr. Mbalula said.

Angry former ANC president Jacob Zuma's vehicle, the uMkhonto weSizwe (MK) party, which came in third in the election, was also not to back the government, although Mr. Mbalula did not name it. The party has denounced the results and its 58 MPs plan to boycott Parliament.

Other small groups, including Muslim party Al Jama-ah, centre-left Rise Mzansi and the minority National Coloured Congress had agreed to join, but with reservations, he added.

For 30 years, the late Nelson Mandela's ANC has held an absolute majority and elected a President from its own ranks.

Turkiye to buy F-16 warplanes from U.S.

Agence France-Presse
ISTANBUL

Turkiye and the United States have signed a contract for the sale of F-16 warplanes after Washington greenlighted the $23 billion deal following months of negotiations, Turkish Defence Ministry sources said on Thursday.

"The contract was signed and delegations from both sides are negotiating the details," the Ministry sources said.

Under the deal, Turkiye will get 40 new F-16s and upgrades to 79 of the jets in its existing fleet.

The State Department last week hailed "a major step forward" in Turkiye's purchase of new F-16 fighter jets calling them "the most advanced F-16 ever made available only to closest Allies and partners".

"Just the latest example of United States enduring commitment to security partnership with Turkiye," it said in a social media post.

The United States did not green light the transaction until Turkiye's instruments of ratification of Sweden's membership had arrived in Washington.

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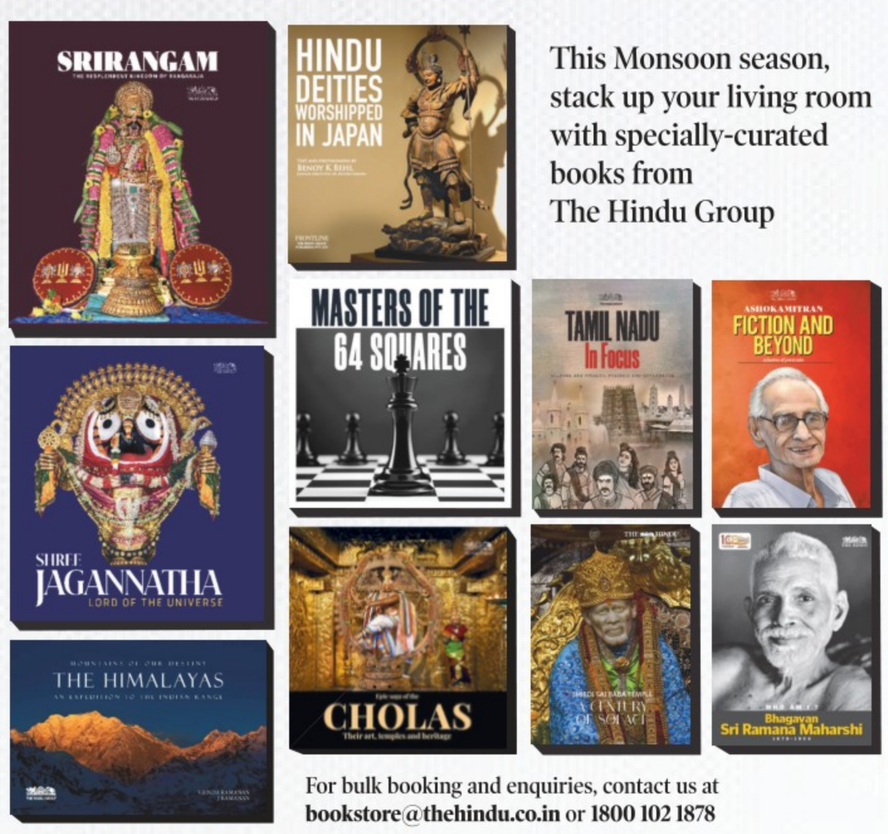

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SPEAKING OUT

Frustrated Williamson calls T20s a game of 'cat and mouse'

GETTY IMAGES

Kane Williamson's ploy to bowl out the pacers upfront proved disastrous against the West Indies, prompting the New Zealand captain to term T20s a game of "cat and mouse." "I think, in T20 cricket nowadays, with teams that are batting a lot deeper… you're always trying to sort of play a game of cat and mouse."

NEW RULE

Five-run penalty law is something we need to address, says Law

K.R. DEEPAK

USA coach Stuart Law stated that his team is yet to get accustomed to the five-run penalty law for time taken between overs. "It is a rule that has only just come in. A lot of our players would not have heard about it before we played in the Bangladesh or Canada series earlier this year. It is something we need to address," Law said.

IDEAL CHOICE

Kuldeep will be India's preferred spinner in Super 8 stage: Chawla

GETTY IMAGES

Piyush Chawla feels that left-arm unorthodox spinner Kuldeep Yadav will be India's preferred specialist spinner when the Indian team competes in the Super Eight stage. Chawla said while the conditions in New York did not support spin bowling, the Indian spinners will now come into play in the tournament.

INNINGS ENDS

Nassau County International Stadium set for demolition

K.R. DEEPAK

The Nassau County cricket ground, which was built specifically for the T20 World Cup, is all set to be demolished after the New York leg of the event came to an end. "After the last match is held at East Meadow on June 12, the stadium will be dismantled but with a world-class cricket pitch left behind," according to a report.

WI rallies around Rutherford, Motie to secure Super 8 berth

The southpaw's late assault, after Powell's men were in trouble throughout their innings, lifts the side to a competitive total; the left-arm spinner, along with Joseph (four-for), extinguishes the Kiwi challenge to the delight of the faithful fans

T20 WORLD CUP

Ayan Acharya
TAROUBA (TRINIDAD)

Calypso singer David Rudder performed "Rally 'Round the West Indies" live at the Brian Lara Stadium in Tarouba, its rousing lyrics and tropical melody providing an uplifting backdrop as Rovman Powell's men sailed into the Super Eight of this year's T20 World Cup with a come-from-behind 13-run win against New Zealand, whose hopes now hang by a thread.

Adversity is known to test character, provoking reactions ranging from panic to composure.

Game-changer: Rutherford's knock gave the impetus that set up his side's incredible win. GETTY IMAGES

Choke-hold

In its 150-run chase on Wednesday night, the New Zealand batting order appeared skittish as West Indies spinners, especially left-arm orthodox Gudakesh Motie, applied a brilliant choke-hold on a two-paced pitch.

Motie's three for 25, coupled with Alzarri Joseph's four-for and Sherfane Rutherford's unbeaten 39-ball 68, extinguished the Kiwi challenge.

Allen, Phillips shine

Finn Allen and Glenn Phillips were the only New Zealand batters to show resistance.

Powell's smart bowling changes, particularly his use of spinners during the dew-affected middle overs, played a crucial role. This strategy exploited favourable match-ups and mitigated the impact of the wet ball.

Tricky pitch

After New Zealand chose to bowl, the home fans watched West Indies' first-ever men's World Cup match at the Brian Lara Stadium unfold on a tricky pitch. West Indies lost four for 10 to be 30 for five in the seventh over.

Kane Williamson's decision to delay introducing spin until the ninth over, using Jimmy Neesham's slower balls and cutters, initially paid off.

Andre Russell attempted to shift the momentum with Rutherford but was deceived by a slower Trent Boult delivery.

New Zealand's fielding, previously shaky against Afghanistan, was sharp until Rutherford's late assault, which included three sixes off Daryl Mitchell in the 19th over, proved crucial.

Gamble fails

Williamson gambled by having Mitchell bowl the penultimate over, leaving left-armer Mitchell Santner for the final over against Rutherford.

The left-hander capitalised, hitting with the wind and exploiting the shorter boundary to his leg side.

Crucial partnership

His 37-run last-wicket stand with Motie propelled the Windies to 58 runs in the last five overs, turning the match on its head.

The scores:
West Indies 149/9 in 20 overs (Rutherford 68 n.o., Boult 3/16, Southee 2/21, Ferguson 2/27) bt New Zealand 136/9 in 20 overs (Allen 26, Phillips 40, Joseph 4/19, Motie 3/25).
Toss: New Zealand.
PoM: Rutherford.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Afghanistan vs Papua New Guinea
Tarouba, 6 a.m.
HEAD-TO-HEAD T20Is
Played: 1
Afghanistan 1 | Papua New Guinea 0

USA vs Ireland
Florida, 8 p.m.
HEAD-TO-HEAD T20Is
Played: 2
USA 1 | Ireland 1

I am very confident about my batting, reveals Arshdeep

Adding another string: Arshdeep, who had a great outing with the ball against USA, is keen to contribute with the willow. K.R. DEEPAK

Ashwin Achal
NEW YORK

Arshdeep Singh's four for nine against USA on Wednesday gave him the best ever bowling figures by an Indian in an ICC Men's T20 World Cup match. The previous best was R. Ashwin's four for 11 versus Australia in the 2014 ICC World Twenty20.

Arshdeep enjoyed the success, especially since his family was at the ground. "It feels good when you perform well for the team. I'm very happy - my family was here, and they were really happy with my performance as well," the left-arm speedster said in the post-match press conference on Wednesday.

Arshdeep also fancies himself as a batter, having been promoted ahead of Jasprit Bumrah in the Pakistan match on Sunday. "You never know when the team needs those runs. It can be two runs, four runs, anything. I am trying to work as hard as possible with (batting coach) Vikram (Rathour) bhai regarding my batting," he said.

"In the last game, Jassi (Jasprit Bumrah) bhai was supposed to go before me, but I just went in to bat after asking (captain) Rohit (Sharma). They were surprised, but now I told them that I will go up the order regardless of whatever you say. I will go at nine because I faced the quickest bowlers in the Pakistan game. I am very confident about my batting," Arshdeep said.

Heavy rain puts India's last group match against Canada in doubt

Sports Bureau
NEW YORK

Heavy rain in Lauderhill has put India's last Group 'A' ICC Men's T20 World Cup match against Canada in doubt.

A flash flood warning was issued for the area, which is scheduled to host the game on Saturday.

A No Result will not impact India, which has already sealed a Super 8 berth.

But for Pakistan, the stakes are high. If the USA-Ireland outing at Lauderhill on Friday is called off, USA will progress from Group-A and Pakistan will exit the tournament.

The Sri Lanka-Nepal game at Lauderhill on Tuesday was called off due to heavy rain. This has put Sri Lanka on the brink of elimination.

Several flights in and out of Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (primary airport for Lauderhill) were cancelled.

Bangladesh inches closer to a spot in the Super 8

Shakib. AP

Press Trust of India
KINGSTOWN

Bangladesh defeated Netherlands by 25 runs in their T20 World Cup match here on Thursday. This was Bangladesh's second win in the tournament.

Bangladesh posted 159 for five, thanks to Shakib Al Hasan, who remained unbeaten on 64 not out off 46 balls. Off-spinner Aryan Dutt (two for 17) was the pick of the bowlers for the Dutch.

Netherlands kept itself in the hunt for a major part of the chase before losing its way and finishing at 134 for eight. Leg-spinner Rishad Hossan, with three wickets, was Bangladesh's best bowler.

Bangladesh's second victory in three games took it a step closer to a spot in the Super 8.

The scores: Bangladesh 159/5 in 20 overs (Shakib 64 n.o., van Meekeren 2/15, Aryan 2/17) bt Netherlands 134/8 in 20 overs (Engelbrecht 33, Vikramjit 26, Edwards 25, Taskin 2/30, Rishad 3/33); **PoM:** Shakib.

I had to wait for the right ball to hit, says Dube

Ashwin Achal
NEW YORK

For the first 25 balls of his stint against USA here on Wednesday, Shivam Dube looked completely at sea. He barely made good contact, and ate up dot balls.

There were fears that Dube's struggles would cost India the Group-A ICC Men's T20 World Cup match.

All through this tense time, Dube remained confident. The required rate was manageable, so it was a matter of getting one big hit.

Hard grind: Dube said the New York pitch wasn't as easy to bat on as it seemed to be. K.R. DEEPAK

Release shot

The release shot finally came in the 15th over bowled by Corey Anderson. Dube sat back, picked the length, and swatted the speedster way into the stands.

With the pressure finally off, Dube and Suryakumar Yadav went on to make easy work of the target.

"I had to wait for the right ball. It was not easy to come in and start hitting. The plan was to take the game deep," Dube said.

The pitch made it difficult to line up the power blows, Dube added.

"The ball was sticking and staying low. I don't think any T20 World Cup has seen a pitch like this.

Difficult to gauge

"From the same spot, one ball came on fast and another one stuck to the surface. It was very difficult to gauge," said Dube after taking India home.

If you love doing something, plant the seed and water it: Netravalkar

Ashwin Achal
NEW YORK

Saurabh Netravalkar is the ideal candidate for an Instagram reel with uplifting background music and a motivational 'Never give up on your dreams' storyline.

Once a promising India under-19 and Mumbai cricketer, Netravalkar said goodbye to his cricket ambitions and moved to the USA to pursue a masters degree.

On Wednesday, turning out for USA, the left-arm pacer nicked off superstar Virat Kohli for a golden duck. In his next over, he took out India captain Rohit Sharma. All this is a World Cup encounter in the Big Apple.

The 32-year-old is an inspiration for the common man with big aspirations. "If you love doing something, plant the seed and water it. It might bloom late, but if you are on the right track, it will happen. True hard work never goes to waste," Netravalkar said.

Incredible journey: Netravalkar has proved to be an inspiration for the common man with big aspirations. K.R. DEEPAK

Netravalkar understandably finds it tough to describe his incredible journey. "My journey is one of ups and downs. I had to take a practical call at the time to move out of India. I could not make it big in Indian cricket, simply because of all the competition there. I got a good scholarship offer at a top university here (Cornell University), so I moved. I'm glad that God gave me another chance to play cricket again," Netravalkar said on Wednesday.

Netravalkar also holds a steady job at Oracle, which has made him a cult hero in the corporate world. "I love my job at Oracle, and I love to enter the cricket field and bowl. I am blessed that I get to do what I love. Everyone at Oracle have been very supportive. There has been an outpouring of love from my colleagues. I wish I could thank everyone in person," the soft-spoken pacer said.

After the match, Netravalkar spent time chatting with his old mates Rohit and Suryakumar Yadav. "Surya and I reminisced about old times. We played together in age-group cricket. We carried off from where we left with jokes from those times. I also spoke to Rohit. He is my senior. I have played with him in Mumbai, and bowled to him at nets. I have not played with Virat, but he acknowledged the USA team for our performance," said Netravalkar.

INBRIEF

K. MURALI KUMAR

SA-President's XI women's warm-up match abandoned

South Africa's warm-up match against Board President's XI women at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru on Thursday was abandoned because of rain. Only 14 overs of play was possible and Board President's XI, which won the toss, had reached 71 for one with Shweta Sehrawat (24 n.o., 33b, 4x4) and Shubha Satheesh (18 n.o., 20b, 2x4) batting. India takes on South Africa in the first ODI here on Sunday.

Nadal to skip Wimbledon to prepare for Olympics

Rafa Nadal will skip Wimbledon in July in order to prepare for the Paris Olympic Games which will be played on the clay courts at Roland Garros, the Spaniard said on Thursday. "We believe that the best for my body is not to change surface and keep playing on clay until then. It's for this reason that I will miss playing this year at Wimbledon," Nadal said.

Wimbledon to offer record prize money of £50 million

Wimbledon will have a record £50 million ($63.94 million) prize money pot this year with the singles champions taking home £2.7 million each, the All England Lawn Tennis Club (AELTC) said on Thursday. The total prize money is 11.9%, or £5.3 million more than offered at last year's tournament. First round singles losers will each get £60,000. The grass-court Grand Slam runs from July 1-14.

Rohan Bopanna, Sriram Balaji get the nod for Olympics

The All India Tennis Association (AITA) announced the "qualification" of Rohan Bopanna, *in pic.*, and Sriram Balaji for the doubles event of the Paris Olympics. In a release on Thursday, AITA secretary-general Anil Dhupar stated that coach M. Balachandran and physio Rebecca Van Orshagen would be the support cast for the Indian pair. There was considerable suspense about Bopanna's doubles partner, as he had qualified straight as a top-10 doubles player with his World rank of No. 4.

India men to take on Pakistan in the quarterfinals

India blanked Chinese Taipei 3-0 in the women's section of the 22nd Asian team squash at Dalian (China) on Thursday. India will meet Republic of Korea on Friday in its last Pool-A match. If it wins, it will enter the semifinals. In the men's section, India defeated Mongolia 3-0 to finish second in Pool-D behind Japan and will meet Pakistan, also on Friday, in the quarterfinals.

The results: Men: India bt Mongolia 3-0 (Suraj Kumar Chand bt Yesun Otgonchimeg 11-3, 11-5, 11-1; Om Semwal bt Brian Bayarmaa 11-2, 11-3, 11-2; Rahul Baitha bt Amartuvshin Mandakhbayar 11-4, 11-5, 11-8). **Women: India bt Chinese Taipei 3-0** (R. Pooja Arthi bt Wu Yi Chun 11-4, 11-1, 11-3; Sunita Patel bt Wang Yuan 11-6, 11-8, 11-9; Rathika Suthanthira Seelan bt Lee Yi Hsuan 11-7, 11-6, 11-5).

Celtics hold off desperate Mavericks, go 3-0 in Finals

Boston Celtics, fueled by the star duo of Jayson Tatum (31 points) and Jaylen Brown (30) held off a furious Dallas rally to beat the host Mavericks 106-99 on Wednesday and take a 3-0 stranglehold on the NBA finals. Mavericks will try to claw back a game when they host game four on Friday.

Can Germany stand its ground or will Scotland spring a surprise on the host?

With a disappointing round-of-16 loss to England in Euro 2020, Nagelsmann's men will look to alter the script by winning the crown on home soil

Welcome! The mascot Albart the bear with the Henri Delaunay Cup and official match ball. REUTERS

Associated Press
MUNICH

The sound of bagpipes, and men in kilts on the streets of Munich – Scotland is in town and the excitement is ramping up ahead of the European Championship curtain-raiser between Germany and Scotland on Friday.

Expectations

Germany's lacklustre form at recent major tournaments has forced fans to readjust expectations.

"We are not here just to say hello but we still have to be humble," Germany defender Antonio Rudiger said.

"It's been up and down for us all the way here and that's why we have to be humble. The first match is very important and then we'll see what happens during the rest of the tournament." A good first match and group stage would set off a new wave of excitement in Germany.

While the Germans are bemused by their raucous Scottish counterparts, there should still be plenty more to witness on matchday.

Anticipation

"First and foremost, there's a lot of anticipation because it's a huge event," Germany coach Julian Nagelsmann said.

"It's probably not just Europe, but the whole world that will be watching how the Euros will go ... we're really looking forward to it."

Germany went out at the group stage of both previous World Cups and was eliminated by England in the round of 16 at Euro 2021.

"It's going to be an amazing experience ... being part of that kind of opening ceremony," Scotland forward Ryan Christie said when asked about playing the opening match.

Having failed to reach the Euros from 2000-16, Scotland has qualified for back-to-back tournaments and the next aim is to reach the knockout stage for the first time.

"That's the dream," Christie said. "To everyone around Scotland, it would mean the world, a massive kind of footballing country. If we come out of the group stages, that's the furthest Scotland will have ever been in a major tournament.

"So, you know, it puts us down in history as the most successful Scottish team ever, and that's the kind of motivation right there.

"We've got a huge belief in ourselves, with this squad of players, that we can really do a lot of damage to other teams and hopefully do well when we go to these big tournaments."

Scotland showed during the qualifying campaign it can surprise, in beating Spain and Norway.

Germany will be more motivated than ever to win the trophy on its own turf.

Ankita exits in the pre-quarterfinals

TENNIS

Sports Bureau

Ankita Raina was beaten 6-1, 6-4 by Mariam Bolkvadze of Georgia in the pre-quarterfinals of the $60,000 ITF women's tennis tournament in Guimaraes, Portugal, on Thursday.

In the €148,625 Challenger in Perugia, Italy, Sriram Balaji and Andre Begemann sailed into the doubles quarterfinals.

The results:

€148,625 Challenger, Nottingham: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Rithvik Bollipalli & Niki Poonacha bt Jacob Fearnley & Cameron Norrie (GBr) 7-6(1), 6-4.

Charles Broom & Ben Jones (GBR) bt Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan & Vijay Sundar Prashanth 3-6, 6-3, [10-7].

€148,625 Challenger, Perugia, Italy: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Sriram Balaji & Andre Begemann (Ger) bt Jesper De Jong & Ryan Nijboer (Ned) 7-6(5), 6-3.

$25,000 ITF men, Wichita, USA: Singles (first round): Quinn Vandecasteele (uSA) bt Ramkumar Ramanathan 7-5, 6-1.

$15,000 ITF men, Koszalin, Poland: Singles (pre-quarterfinals): Pawel Juszczak (Pol) bt Manas Dhamne 7-6(5), 3-6, 6-4.

$15,000 ITF men, Hong Kong: Singles (pre-quarterfinals): S.D. Prajwal Dev bt Daisuke Sumizawa (Jpn) 6-3, 6-4.

Doubles (quarterfinals): Prajwal Dev & Adil Kalyanpur bt Daniil Golubev & Evgenii Tiurnev 6-1, 6-4.

Ajeet Rai (Nzl) & Rishi Reddy bt Ryotaro Taguchi & Ryoto Tanuma 6-1, 6-7(6), [11-9].

$15,000 ITF men, Monastir, Tunisia: Singles (pre-quarterfinals): Manish Sureshkumar bt Amr Elsayed (Egy) 6-2, 6-2.

First round: Manish bt Paul Ender (Aut) 6-1, 6-2; Paulo Santos (Bra) bt Abhinav Sanjeev Shanmugam 7-6(2), 6-3.

$60,000 ITF women, Guimaraes, Portugal: Singles (pre-quarterfinals): Mariam Bolkvadze (Geo) bt Ankita Raina 6-1, 6-4.

$15,000 ITF women, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic: Singles (first round): Christasha McNeil bt Saumya Vig 6-1, 6-1.

$15,000 ITF women, San Diego, USA: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Anna Campana & Carolyn Campana (USA) bt Teja Tirunelveli & Brandy Walker (USA) 6-4, 4-6, [10-7].

Unbeaten Divya and Nogerbek crowned the champions

WORLD JUNIOR CHESS

P.K. Ajith Kumar
GANDHINAGAR

Divya Deshmukh added another significant title to her already impressive collection on Thursday. The 18-year-old from Nagpur won the World junior girls' chess championship after beating Bulgaria's Beloslava Krasteva in the final round at the Gift City Club.

Top-seeded Divya finished with 10 points, out of a possible 11, as she remained unbeaten, winning nine games and drawing two.

The Open title was claimed by Kazakhstan's Kazybek Nogerbek, whose win in the last round against the sole overnight leader Mamikon Gharibyan of Armenia took him to 8.5 points.

Armenia's Emin Ohanyan had already scored 8.5 points, thanks to his victory against Daniel Quizon of the Philippines. A better tie-break score gave the title to Nogerbek, seeded ninth.

Best on show: Nogerbek and Divya sealed the World titles on Thursday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Luka Budisavljevic of Serbia finished third. Pranav Anand, who began as the third seed, was the best-placed Indian at 10th.

In the girls' section, Mariam Mkrtchyan took the runner-up spot after finishing half-a-point behind Divya. Azerbaijan's Ayan Allahverdiyeva was third.

Important results (final round): Open: Kazybek Nogerbek (Kaz) 8.5 bt Mamikon Gharibyan (Arm) 8; Emin Ohanyan (Arm) 8.5 bt Daniel Quizon (Phi) 7.5; Luka Budisavljevic (Srb) 8 drew with Jose Gabriel Cardoso (Col) 8; Anuj Shrivatri 7 drew with Rudik Makarian (FIDE) 7.5; Shawn Rodrigue-Lemmieux (Can) 7.5 drew with Aditya Samant 7.5; Tobias Koelle (Ger) 8 bt Baris Ozenir (Tur) 7; Aleksandr Domalchukk-Jonasson (Isl) 6.5 lost to Aleksey Grebnev (FIDE) 7.5; Pranav Anand 7.5 bt Arsen Davtyan (Arm) 6.5; L. Srihari .5 lost to Santiago Avila (Col) 7.5; L.R. Shrihari 7 drew with Pham Tran Gia Phuc (Vie) 7.

Girls: Divya Deshmukh 10 bt Beloslava Krasteva (Bul) 7; Mariam Mkrtchyan (Arm) 9.5 bt Rakshitta Ravi 7.5; Ksenia Norman (FIDE) 7 lost to Ayan Allahverdiyeva (Aze) 8.5; Sachi Jain 7 lost to Shubhi Gupra 8; Mrudul Dehankar 7.5 bt Martyna Wikar (Pol) 7; Ayalum Kaladorva (Kaz) 7 drew with Xeniya Balabayeva (Kaz) 7; G. Tejaswini 7 drew with Sofia Hryzlova (Sui) 7; Bristy Mukherjee Anna Zhurova (FIDE); V. Rindhiya 7.5 bt Oshini Gunawardhana (SL) 6.5; Eszter Sulyok (Hun) 6 lost to Narmin Abdinova (Aze) 7.5.

The standings: Open: 1-2. Nogerbek and Ohanyan 8.5; 3-5. Budisavljevic, Gharibyan and Koelle 8; 4-10. Grebnev, Cardaso, Makarian, Quizon and Pranav 7.5.

Girls: 1. Divya 10; 2. Mkrtchyan 9.5; 3. Allahverdiyeva 8.5; 4. Shubhi 8; 5-8. Rakshitta, Abdinova, Rindhiya and Mrudul 7.5; 9-10. Hryzlova and Kseniya 7.

Prannoy and Sameer enter Australian Open quarterfinals

BADMINTON

Press Trust of India
SYDNEY

H.S. Prannoy and Sameer Verma progressed to the men's singles quarterfinals of the Australian Open badminton tournament with contrasting victories over their respective opponents here on Thursday.

While fifth seed Prannoy, a former world No.1, took just 46 minutes to get the better of Misha Zilberman of Israel 21-17, 21-15 in the round of 16, Verma had to toil hard for 62 minutes to upset eighth seed Loh Kean Yew of Singapore 21-14, 14-21, 21-19.

However, it was curtains for Kiran George as he lost 20-22, 6-21 against seventh seed Kenta Nishimoto of Japan.

Easing through: Prannoy dispatched Zilberman in straight games to make the last eight. AFP

The results: Men: H.S. Prannoy bt Misha Zilberman (Isr) 21-17, 21-15.

Sameer Verma bt Loh Kean Yew (Sgp) 21-14, 14-21, 21-19; Kenta Nishimoto (Jpn) bt Kiran George 22-20, 21-6.

Women: Aakarshi Kashyap bt Kai Qi Bernice Teoh (Aus) 21-16, 21-13; Putri Kusuma Wardani (Ina) bt Anupama Upadhyaya 21-11, 21-18; Ester Nurumi Tri Wardoyo (Ina) bt Malvika Bansod 21-17, 23-21.

Doubles: Pei Jing Lai & Chiew Sien Lim (Mas) bt Rutaparna & Swetaparna Panda 21-5, 21-9.

Mixed doubles: B. Sumeeth Reddy & N. Sikki Reddy bt Kai Chen Teoh & Kai Qi Bernice Teoh (Aus) 21-11 21-11.

Historic win for veteran Indian rider Shruti Vora

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Veteran Shruti Vora became the first Indian rider to win a three-star Grand Prix event, the Equestrian Federation of India (EFI) said on Thursday.

Shruti scored 67.761 points in the CDI-3 event held in Lipica, Slovenia, from June 7-9. The Indian finished ahead of Moldova's Tatiana Antonenco (Aachen), who scored 66.522. Austria's Juliane Jerich (Quarter Girl) completed the top-3 with a score of 66.087. Shruti also had a commendable show in the Grad Prix Special, finishing second behind Antonenco-Aachen combo with 66.085.

Bhowneesh finishes fourth in men's trap

SHOOTING

Sports Bureau

Bhowneesh Mendiratta finished fourth in the men's trap final in the shotgun World Cup in Lonato, Italy, on Thursday. Bhowneesh bowed out with a 29 after the first 35 shots of the 50-shot six-man final. Great Britain's Matthew John Coward-Holley won with a score of 47, ahead of Italy's Daniele Resca (46), and China's Haicheng Yu (34).

Earlier, Olympic quota winner Bhowneesh had scored 123 out of 125 to qualify for the final.

Prithviraj Tondaiman (119) and Vivaan Kapoor (113) placed 17th and 65th respectively. In the RPO section, Lakshay Sheoran shot 118 and Jaswinder Singh 107.

In women's trap, Manisha Keer, Shreyasi Singh and Olympic quota winner Rajeshwari Kumari shot identical total of 107 and placed 41st, 44th and 45th respectively. In the RPO section, Kirti Gupta shot 110, and Rajkuwar Ingle 89.

LIVE TELECAST

T20 World Cup: Star Sports 1, 2, 3 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8 p.m., 5 a.m., 6 a.m. (Saturday)

Football: Euro 2024, Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 3, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 12.30 a.m. (Saturday)

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD

3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru – 560 009.

Tender Notification

Karnataka Housing Board invites tender from the eligible Pre qualified contractors in Karnataka Housing Board through Karnataka public procurement portal for below mentioned work.

Last date for submission of bid: 12.07.2024 up to 4:00 p.m.

Name of the Work : Development of Sites & Services Scheme Block-B at Marenahalli Village, Jagaluru Taluk, Davangere District in an extent of 28 Acres 36 Gunte. Tender Reference No. : KHB/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT194/Call-2 & IFT No.200/ 2023-24 Date: 11.06.2024, Rs. 20,01,30,520/-.

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru, **Telephone No. 080-22273511/080-22100077 website: https:// kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/RO320/AAPL/2024-25

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

Regd. office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001.
Corporate Identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website: www.pspcl.in Contact No. 96461-17659

Tender Enquiry no. 1667/Th. Op/O&M/PC-2538 **Dated 12-06-2024**

Chief Engineer / O&M (P&P Cell-II), GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat, invites E-tender for the Procurement of Two No. Fire Tenders for GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat., Quantity as per NIT. For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from 12-06-2024 at 17:00 hrs. onwards.

Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in.**

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender No.	Material Description	Due date
242513 001493	Industrial Safety Shoes	28.06.2024
242523 000928	LATEX-1 (TOP COAT - ACRYLIC BINDER) for Board machine (CCK) of TNPL Unit - II	01.07.2024
242523 000929	LATEX-2 (PRECOAT SBR BINDER) for Board machine (CCK) of TNPL Unit - II	01.07.2024
242523 000930	OBA (SLURRY/LIQUID) FOR WET END - VAP for Board machine (CCK) of TNPL Unit-II	08.07.2024
Email	242513001493 - purchase.genl@tnpl.co.in 242523000928; 0929; 0930 - purchaserm.u2@tnpl.co.in	

Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL Website and NIC Portal only. Detailed requirements, Quantity, period, terms and conditions, Tender fee, EMD, etc., are available in the Tender Document which can be downloaded from websites : **www.tnpl.com / https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. SEE/Tr(W&M)C/MRB/EE(O)/AEE-1/T-64/24-25/1418-21 **Date:12.06.2024**

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through KPP Portal mode Only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Tenders for the following works.

1) Tender No: KPTCL/2024-25/SS/Work_Indent 873. Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/WMC/MRB/AEE-1/2024-25/01 Dtd: 11.06.2024_Call-4 for the Work of Enhancement of 1x8 MVA , 66/11 KV Power Transformer by 1x12.5MVA 6/11KV Power Transformer along with additional switchgear at 66KV MUSS Kottur, Kottur Taluk, Vijayanagara District pertaining to 220KV R/S Ittigi, KPTCLon PTK basis (power transformer & switchgear will be providing by KPTCL).

2) Tender No: KPTCL/2024-25/SS/Work_Indent 874. Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/WMC/MRB/AEE-1/2024-25/02 Dtd: 11.06.2024_Call-3 for the Work of Enhancement of 6.3 MVA, 66/11Kv Power Transformer by 12.5MVA 66/11Kv Power Transformer at 66/11kV Sub-station, Hampasagara in HB Halli Taluk, Vijayanagara District including supply of equipments / materials, erection, testing & commissioning on PTK basis (Major material Power Transformer and 11kV Switchgears will be supplied by KPTCL).

3) Tender No: KPTCL/2024-25/SS/Work_Indent 875. Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/WMC/MRB/AEE-1/2024-25/03 Dtd: 11.06.2024_Call-2 for the Work of Enhancement of 1x8MVA 66/11KV Power Transformer by 1x12.5MVA 66/11KV Power Transformer along with additional switchgear at 66KV MUSS Hosalli, Kottur Taluk, Vijayanagara District pertaining to 220KV R/S Ittigi, KPTCL.on PTK basis (Major material Power Transformer and 11kV Switchgears will be supplied by KPTCL).

4) Tender No: KPTCL/2024-25/SS/Work_Indent 876. Bid Enquiry No. : KPTCL/SEE/WMC/MRB/AEE-1/2024-25/04 Dtd: 11.06.2024_Call-3 for the Work of Enhancement of 1X10MVA, 110/11kV Power Transformer by 1X20MVA, 110/11kV Power Transformer along with additional switchgear at 110/33/11kV Kavithal Sub-station in Manvi Taluk and Raichur District including supply of equipments / materials, erection (including civil works), testing and commissioning on PTK basis (major materials such as Power Transformer, 11kV Switchgear will be supplied by KPTCL).

Tenders will be received through E-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"E Procurement KPTCL"** or directly logging on to website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **15.06.2024 at 11:00 Hrs** details can be obtained from the office of the under signed.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele),
Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Munirabad-583 233
Tele-Fax: 08539-270094

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD

3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

Tender Notification

(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Karnataka Housing Board invites tenders from the eligible Pre qualified contractors in Karnataka Housing Board through Karnataka public procurement portal for below mentioned works.

Last date for submission of bid: 12.07.2024 up to 4.00 PM

Sl.No.	Name of the work
1	Development of Sites & Services Scheme Block-A at Koppal Village, Koppal Taluk & District. Tender Reference Number: KHB/2023-24/OW/ WORK_INDENT 175/Call-2 & IFT No.181/2023-24 Date: 11.06.2024. **Amount put to tender Rs.16,93,25,453/-**
2	Development of Sites & Services Scheme Block-B at Koppal Village, Koppal Taluk & District. Tender Reference Number: KHB/2023-24/OW/ WORK_INDENT 176/Call-2 & IFT No.182/2023-24 Date: 11.06.2024. **Amount put to tender Rs.19,94,85,680/-**
3	Development of Sites & Services Scheme Block-C at Koppal Village, Koppal Taluk & District. Tender Reference Number: KHB/2023-24/OW/ WORK_INDENT 177/Call-2 & IFT No.183/2023-24 Date: 11.06.2024. **Amount put to tender Rs.19,50,87,825/-**
4	Development of Sites & Services Scheme at Irkalagada Village, Koppal Taluk & District. Tender Reference Number: KHB/2024-25/OW/ WORK_INDENT 240 & IFT No.12/2024-25 Date: 12.06.2024. **Amount put to tender Rs.14,84,84,112/-**

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru. Telephone No: 080-22273511/080-22100077, Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/316/AKAR/2024-25

Government of Karnataka - Zilla Panchayat, Shivamogga

Office of The District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Shivamogga

Phone: 08182-222382 e-mail ID: dhoshimoga@gmail.com
No.: DHFWS/O.S./Tender-07/2023-24 Date: 12.06.2024

e-Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited in two cover system as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act (KTPP) 1999, Rules 2000 for availing the services of the below mentioned cadre personnel through outsource for Health Institutions under jurisdiction of Office of The District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Shivamogga for the year 2024-25. Details are as below.

Sl.No. 1.**NotificationNo.:** DHFWS/O.S.Tender-07/2023-24 dated 12.06.2024 **Details of the tender invited :** Regarding Providing on Outsource Basis services of Group D, Drivers, Nursing Officers Data Entry Operator to Health Institutions of Shivamogga District. **Time Period for tender submission:** From 12.06.2024 to 22.07.2024 **Annual Approx. Amount of Tender:**Rs.350.00 lakhs **Remarks:** E.M.D.Amount: 8.75 lakhs

For further details contact Phone No.- 08182-222382 of the Office of The District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Shivamogga, during office hours or can be obtained in website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-District Health and Family, Welfare Officer, Shivamogga.

DIPR/smg/No.ksmca/58/06/24-25/92

Government of Karnataka - Karnataka Forest Department

Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sagar Forest Division, Sagar

Email: dcfsagar123@gmail.com
No.: A2/BGT/AW &SW/CR-14/2023-24 Date: 11.06.2024

e-Tender Notice Call – 02 (Through e-Procurement Portal)

Tender was invited for the first time on 12.02.2024 through e-procurement portal in two cover system from interested Contractors for undertaking works of Animal Prevention Trenches for the year 2024-25 as per Physical and Financial Targets fixed under CAMPA Scheme in Zones coming in the limits of Sagar Regional Forest Division and in the financial valuation list of the said Tender, value quoted by one bidder was not seen due to fault in the e-procurement software and the Tender was cancelled and Tender is invited for the second time through e-procurement and date is fixed on 20.06.2024 up to 4.30 PM for submission of Bids for this Tender. This office can be contacted for further information through telephone and details regarding the Tender can be obtained through official website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sagar Division, Sagar

DIPR/smg/No.42/06/ksmca/24-25/83

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, M.I. & G.W.D. DIVISION, KALABURAGI.

PHONE : 08472 -220196, midnglb@rediffmail.com

IFT No. EE/MI &GWD D/KAL/PB-1/2024-25/ 705 DATED : 12-06-2024

-: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT KW-4) :-

1) Detail of work: THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, M.I. & G.W.D. DIVISION, KALABURAGI INVITES TENDER FROM THE ELIGIBLE TENDERERS FOR THE WORK UNDER K.K.R.D.B. SCP WORK FOR THE YEAR 2023-24, 2) Amount Put to Tender : **Rs. 423,48,197.61**, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class-II & Above, 4) Details of Tender application Amount and EMD Amount: Tender Fee As Per KPPP Portal E.M.D. Rs. 6,35,500.00, 5) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications: **20-06-2024 Up to 11.00 Hours**, 6) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders: **21-06-2024 Up to 17.30 Hours**, 7) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid: **24-06-2024 Up to 11.00 Hours,** 8) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid: **25-06-2024 Up to 11:00 Hours**, 9) Addl. information: Executive Engineer, M.I. & G.W.D. Division, Kalaburagi, 10) Address of E-Portal : **(https:// KPPP.Karnataka.gov.in)**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/80/KSMC&A/2024-25

PUBLIC NOTICE

BE IT KNOW TO ALL that, my client intend to purchase the properties which is fully described in the schedule given hereunder, from **Sri Doddananjappa,** son of late Motegowda, aged about 69 years, residing at Raste Jakkasandra Village (& at Post), Maralavadi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District - 562112 and accordingly entered into an Agreement of Sale, dtd: 11.06.2024.

Any person/Govt./Local Bodies/Banks claiming any right, title or interest over the said property may inform the same to my client's counsel stated below, in writing within 10 days from today.

If objections are not received within that date my client will go ahead with the purchase and no further objection will be valid after that.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and **parcel of the agricultural land bearing Survey No.190/2, measuring to an extent of 35 Guntas**, situated at **Keeranagere Village**, Maralavadi Hobli, harohalli Taluk and Ramanagara District and bounded on:

East by : land in Sy. No.187; **West by :** land in Sy. No.190/4; **North by :** land in Sy. No.190/1; **South by :** land in Sy. No.51.

Together with all easement rights, water courses and right of access, etc.,

G.R. Gangadhara, Advocate
186/1, Ground Floor, J.C. Complex Annexe,
Sirur Park Road, Sheshadripuram,
Bengaluru-560020. Mob: +91 9740296679
Email : grgangadhara@gmail.com
Place: Bengaluru, Date: 12.06.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

BE IT KNOW TO ALL that, my client intend to purchase the properties which is fully described in the schedule given hereunder, from **Sri P. Prabhuraju,** son of late P.Changamaraju, aged about 63 years, residing at No.295, 2nd Main, Opp: Mini Forest, 3rd Phase, J.P. Nagara, Bengaluru-560078 and accordingly entered into an Agreement of Sale, dtd:11.06.2024.

Any person/Govt./Local Bodies/Banks claiming any right, title or interest over the said property may inform the same to my client's counsel stated below, in writing within 10 days from today.

If objections are not received within that date my client will go ahead with the purchase and no further objection will be valid after that.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and **parcel of the agricultural land bearing Survey No.190/3, measuring to an extent of 1 acre**, situated at **Keeranagere Village**, Maralavadi Hobli, harohalli Taluk and Ramanagara District and bounded on:

East by : land belongs to Nagaraju; **West by :** Pipe Line, Road & land in Sy. No.190/2; **North by :** land in Sy. No.190/2; **South by :** land in Sy. No.51.

Together with all easement rights, water courses and right of access, etc.,

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. KPTCL/B14/EON-94230/2023-24 Date: 11.06.2024

NOTIFICATION

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited intends to provide personal accident group insurance to its employees working across the State of Karnataka through opening dedicated 'Salary Savings Bank Account' in Nationalised Bank. In this connection, **"Expression of Interest"** is invited from the nationalised banks having branches in all the regions of Karnataka.

In this connection, the due date for submission of **"Expression of Interest"** has been **extended upto 25.06.2024.**

Interested Nationalised banks may submit their proposals with the following terms and conditions to the "Director (Admin and Human Resource), KPTCL, Corporate Office, Kaveri Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru-560009." **on or before 25.06.2024:-**

Terms and Conditions:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Proposed Claim Amount
1.	Validity of the Contract	**5 years from 01.08.2024.**
2.	Death Claims	**Rs. 100.00 lakhs (Minimum)**
3.	Total Permanent Disability	Claims to be quoted by the Bank.
4.	Permanent Partial disability	Claims to be quoted by the Bank. In accordance with the provisions of Employee's Compensation Act-1923, Schedule-1.
5.	Temporary Partial disability	
6.	Temporary total disability claims	Claims to be quoted by the Bank.
7.	Other benefits/ privileges	To be quoted by the Bank. 1. 2.

Sd/- Director (A & HR), KPTCL, Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru-09

K.K.R.T.C CE DIVISION BALLARI

No.KKRTC/EE/CEB/DB/207,208,209,210,211&212/2024-25 **Date: 11.06.2024**

E-PROCRUMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO.18,19,20,21,22& 23/2024-25

In E-procurement the contractors will have to upload all informations in website only. i.e. **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** contractors need to register in the KPPP portal to submit their bids online and any corrigendum for this notification will be published through Karnataka Public Procurement portal only. More information KPP Portal Helpline **080-25501216 / 25501227 or 08392-294828/9972039797**

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ	Name of Work	Amount put to Tender (Rs in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (Rs in Lakhs)
1.	Construction of Bus Station at Benakal (Kukkanur Taluk)	200-00	3,00,000-00
2.	Construction of Bus Station at Mandalakeri (Kukkanur Taluk)	200-00	3,00,000-00
3.	Construction of Bus Station at Hiremegeri (Yalaburga Taluk)	200-00	3,00,000-00
4.	Construction of Bus Station at Muradi (Yalaburga Taluk)	200-00	3,00,000-00
5.	Construction of Bus Station at Hire Aralihalli (Yalaburga Taluk)	200-00	3,00,000-00
6.	Construction of Bus Station at Ganadal (Yalaburga Taluk)	200-00	3,00,000-00

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
K.K.R.T.C. CE Division, Ballari.

DIPR/Ballari/67/KSMCA/2024-25

ಕರಾಸಕೈಅನಿನಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸಣ್ಣ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕೆಗಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ

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1) ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಸಮನ್ವಯ:ಮೈ.ವಿ:ಮಳಿಗೆ:ನಿವೇಶನ:ಹಂಚಿಕೆ:ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ:2024/08 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 01–03–2024
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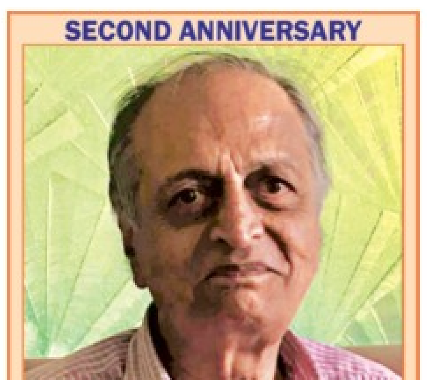

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I, KM Madhuri Prajapati W/o Dharmendra Kumar residing at Village Barbasaha, Post Chauri Chaura, Thana Jhangaha, Tahsil Chauri Chaura, Dist Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh 273201 here by declare that Madhuri and KM Madhuri Prajapati and both name belongs to me only and my correct Date of Birth is 01.01.1993. Hence forth I shall be known and called as KM Madhuri Prajapati only for all legal purposes, Vide affidavit dated 11.06.2024 sworn before notary B Seshagiri Bangalore-43

I, Mr Palani Akkumari father of service No. 18002260Y SPR Govindasami P, currently residing at No. 1274, Pananthoppu, Kadhiripurak, M Savulur, Mittahalli, Krishnagiri, State Tamil Nadu Pin-635112, Hereby declare that My correct Name is Palani Akkumari and Not Palani A and my actual date of birth is 17.03.1968 not 04.03.1955, I hereby declare that i shall be Known and called as Palani Akkumari and Date of Birth is 17.03.1968 only, vide affidavit Dtd 12.06. 2024, before Advocate & Notary L. Gopalakrishna. Bengaluru-560027

I, VANAJA Palani Mother of service No.18002260Y SPR Govindasami P, currently residing at No. 1274, Pananthoppu, Kadhiripurak, M Savulur, Mittahalli, Krishnagiri, State Tamil Nadu pin-635112, Hereby declare that My correct Name is Vanaja Palani and Not Vanaja and my actual date of birth is 22.04.1973 not 13.05.1958, I hereby declare that i shall be Known and called as Vanaja Palani and Date of Birth is 22.04.1973 only, vide affidavit Dtd 12.06. 2024, before Advocate & Notary L. Gopalakrishna. Bengaluru-560027

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C.C.NO. 41/2024

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G.V.Raghava Reddy **...Complainant**

AND

Reliance Retail Limited.
Rep. by its Authorized Signatory,
Mumbai & another.
...Opposite Parties

Notice to Opposite parties No: 2

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G.RAMANA, Advocate,
Ananthapuramu (AP).
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INBRIEF

Egan Bernal to race at the Paris Olympics

Former Tour de France and Giro d'Italia champion Egan Bernal will ride for Colombia at the Paris Olympics, the country's national federation announced on Wednesday. Bernal, 27, is set to feature at this year's Tour, which ends on July 21, before competing in the men's Olympic road race in Paris on August 3. In January 2022,

BFI president to visit USA for game's development in India

In an effort aimed at improving the infrastructure of the sport in India, Basketball Federation of India (BFI) president Aadhav Arjuna will visit Dallas (June 13), San Antonio (June 15-16), Sacramento (June 17) and Los Angeles (June 18-20). He had already toured New York and Massachusetts. India's head coach Scott Flemming is accompanying Aadhav.

Italian Gattuso named coach of Croatian club Hajduk Split

Former Italy midfielder Gennaro Gattuso has been appointed Hajduk Split coach, the Croatian club announced on Wednesday. Gattuso, 46, who won the World Cup with the Azzurri in 2006, has signed a two-year deal. His most recent job was with Marseille, but was sacked in February after just five months in charge.

BENGALURU LOCALS

SAI STC-A takes the title
SAI STC-A beat SAI STC-B 4-1 in the final to win the girls' title at the Hockey Karnataka U-16 7s tournament that concluded here on Wednesday.

DYES-D posts win
DYES-D defeated SAI STC-B 10-5 in the Hockey Karnataka 5s senior men's championship here on Thursday.

IM Rahul Sangma triumphs
With 8.5 points out of nine, IM Rahul Sangma secured first place in the CircleChess Bangalore Open FIDE-rated rapid tournament held here recently. In an event that saw participation from close to 650 players, IM Harikrishnan came second with eight points while FM M. Kunal, also with eight points, settled for third.

Blazing away: Sarthak topped the charts in the official practice session. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Sarthak sizzles in Pro-Stock 301-400cc section

In the Pro-Stock 165cc Open category, Chiranth comes up with the best lap; Ann Jennifer clocks the best time in the girls' (Stock 165cc)

MOTORSPORTS

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

Sarthak Chavan (TVS Racing) was the fastest rider (1m:50.802s) in the Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open category on the day in the official practice sessions which kick-started the first round of the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship here on Thursday.

Chiranth Vishvanath, however, got the better of Sarthak in the Pro-Stock 165cc Open category practice session. He came up with a best lap of 01:58.642, which was better than Sarthak's 01:58.985, while multiple National champion Jagan Kumar (02:01.244) rounded off the top three for TVS Racing.

In the girls' (Stock 165cc) category, less than one second covered the top three. Former National champion Ann Jennifer (Alpha Racing), warmed up for the battles ahead by putting in the best lap of 02:10.631 edging out Ryhana Bee (Motul Sparks Racing, 02:10.749) and Rakshitha Dave (RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate, 02:10.910).

Fifteen-year-old Rakshith Dave (01:53.150) set the pace astride the NSF 250R machine in the Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup, followed by Savion Sabu (01:58.933) and Steve Waugh Sugi (02:01.306).

Earlier, Sarthak topped the time sheets in the TVS Electric RTE class, clocking a best lap of 01:50.451, ahead of Deepak Ravikumar (01:50.561) and K.Y. Ahamed (01:51.040).

India grouped along with Iran, Mongolia, and Laos

U-20 ASIAN CUP QUALIFIERS

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

India was drawn alongside Iran, Mongolia, and host Laos in Group G for the 2025 AFC under-20 Asian Cup 2025 qualifiers which will be held from September 21 to 29.

In the qualifiers for the continental under-17 competition, India drew Thailand, Brunei Darussalam and Turkmenistan in Group D, which will be hosted by Thailand between October 19-27.

The draws for both the qualifiers were held in Kuala Lumpur.

The main U20 tournament will be hosted by China from February 6-23, while Saudi Arabia will organise the U17 event from April 3-20.

For the U17 qualifiers, 43 teams were divided into 10 groups -- seven of four each and three of five.

The 10 group winners and five best second-placed teams among all groups will advance to the Finals.

Fonseca named new coach of AC Milan

Agence France-Presse
ROME

Former Roma coach Paulo Fonseca is to return to Italy as the new boss of AC Milan, the Serie A runner-up announced on Thursday.

"Milan's new coach will be Paulo Fonseca," said former Milan forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic, representing the owner, at a press conference. Fonseca, 51, who has signed a three-year contract, has been with French club Lille since 2022. He succeeds Stefano Pioli, who was sacked at the end of the 2023-24 season after five seasons in charge.

"We studied very carefully what he did, how he prepared his matches," said Ibrahimovic, who had two spells as a player with the club, ending his on-field career with Milan in 2023. "We want him to bring his identity of game, his offensive style to our team, to our players. After five years we wanted something new"

Roaring form: Zirkzee was Bologna's top scorer last season. AP

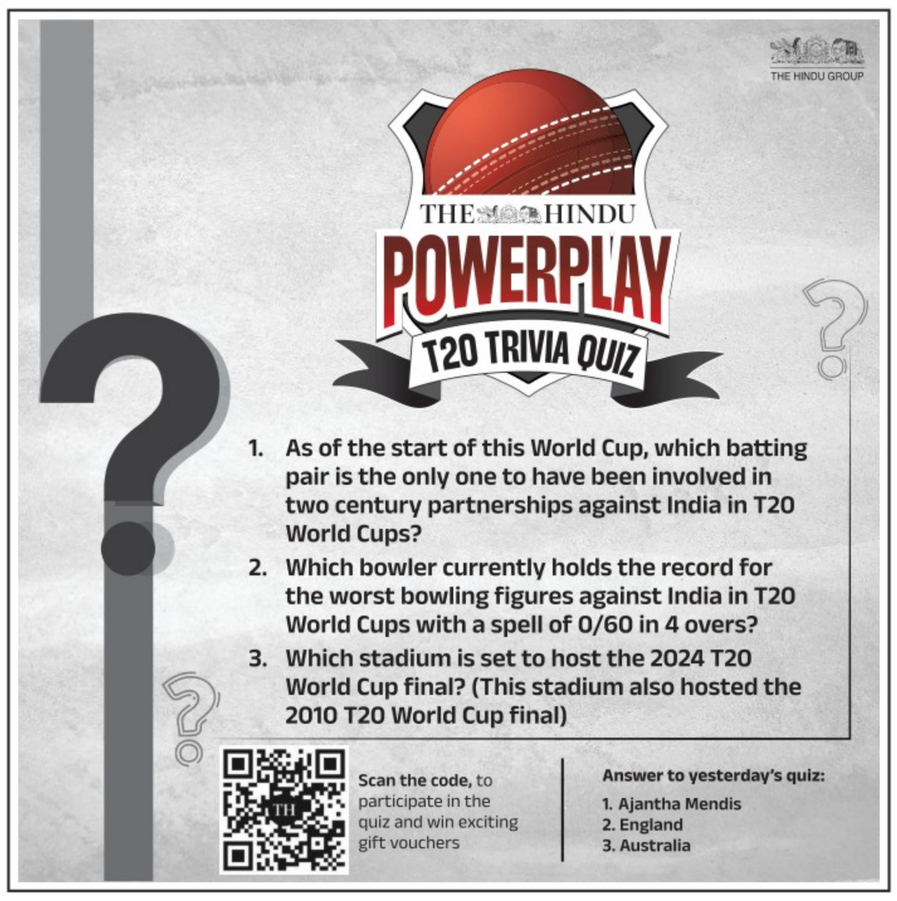
Bologna striker Zirkzee added to Dutch squad

EURO 2024

Associated Press
AMSTERDAM

Netherlands coach Ronald Koeman has called up Joshua Zirkzee to complete his 26-man squad for the European Championship, filling a gap created when midfielder Teun Koopmeiners was cut earlier this week after suffering a groin injury.

Koeman did not initially replace Koopmeiners, but brought 23-year-old Zirkzee's post-season vacation in Florida to an early end after another striker in the Netherlands squad, Brian Brobbey, hurt a hamstring in training at the team's base in Germany.

Brobbey remains with the squad at its Wolfsburg base.

After hearing of his call-up, Bologna forward Zirkzee posted a photo of himself smiling broadly on Instagram with the text "When you get the call to leave Disney for the Euros." Zirkzee has never played an international for the Netherlands' senior team.